

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382414)

7/9/62

SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25607)

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Re report of SA HARVEY G. BERKEY dated 2/9/62
at Los Angeles.

On 6/26/62 AUSA JAMES H. DOOLEY, Los Angeles,
advised SA HARVEY G. BERKEY that denaturalization proceedings
against [redacted] had been dismissed on 6/25/62 on the authority
of the Department of Justice.

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Mr. DOOLEY explained that this action had
been taken after being informed of [redacted]

In view of the above, this case is being
closed administratively.

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- (1 - 100-418105) (EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES)
- 2 - Los Angeles
- (1 - 100-56645) (EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES)

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ReBuairtel to Los Angeles dated 7/12/60.

[redacted] Investigator, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, advised on 7/14/60 that he was handling investigative matters in connection with the [redacted] case. [redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge INS, Los Angeles, was cognizant of all developments in this case with the exception of the request of AUSA JAMES R. DOOLEY to interview [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he will handle this interview in accordance with DOOLEY's request.

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AUSA DOOLEY orally advised on 7/15/60 that he had incorrectly requested the FBI's assistance with reference to interviewing [redacted] and would direct his request to INS, Los Angeles.

A review of the information furnished to the Los Angeles Office by [redacted] and [redacted] failed to disclose any original recording of information regarding [redacted].

This matter will be followed closely and the Bureau appropriately advised.

- ③ - Bureau ① - 100-418105 - EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES)
- 4 - Los Angeles (cc: 100-53645 - EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES)
- 66-3706
- 66-120B-375 - [redacted]

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Re Los Angeles letter to the Director dated
June 21, 1960.

By letter dated June 21, 1960, the United States
Attorney, Los Angeles, furnished the Los Angeles Office with
photostatic copies of sworn statements by [redacted]
and [redacted]. These statements, copies of which
are enclosed for the Bureau's information, were given to
representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service
(INS), Los Angeles, and according to Assistant United States
Attorney JAMES R. DOOLEY, contained the information to which
these witnesses will be expected to testify.

Since these statements do not involve FBI reports
or documents, it would appear that instructions contained
on pages 14 and 15, Section 8, Part II, Manual of Rules
and Regulations, do not apply.

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Assistant United States Attorney DOOLEY has requested
assistance of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI in locating
determining the cooperativeness of the notary publics
whom the subject executed various Taft-Hartley non-
ist affidavits, in order to facilitate the proper
action of the subject's signature into evidence.
such evidence has been introduced, Assistant United
Attorney DOOLEY plans to utilize the services of a
eles Police Department handwriting expert to identify
ject's signature on various Communist Party documents.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 29, 1960

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[redacted] who is of the White race, was born

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[redacted] using the name [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] was a member of the Communist Party in Los Angeles

[redacted] when he was dropped on charges of being a traitor to the working class; for breaking Party discipline; for violating union laws by instructing members not to pay dues and assessments; for "red baiting"; and turning union members against the Party.

During the period [redacted] was a member [redacted] the Upholsterers International Union, Los Angeles, California, Local No. 15, and was expelled from this union in [redacted]

of this union which was 90 per cent Communist controlled. This break allegedly occurred when he refused to answer charges made by the Communist Party and he was automatically expelled. Subsequently, according to [redacted] the Communist Party started a campaign of defamation against him; called him a "stool pigeon" and an agent of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants and Manufacturers Association; accused him of being undesirable with a criminal record and harassed him by ringing his telephone frequently during the day and night.

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RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has admitted numerous arrests resulting from his activity as a radical and a member of the Communist Party. [REDACTED] he was arrested as one of the leaders of a demonstration in front of the Los Angeles County Welfare Office which resulted in a riot and injury to a number of persons. In [REDACTED] was arrested for participating in the reopening of hundreds of gas, electric, and water meters which had been shut off for non-payment in order that the unemployed and destitute might have use of these utilities. He was found guilty and served a six-month sentence. b7D

[REDACTED] Los Angeles Branch of the American League Against War and Fascism. The American League Against War and Fascism has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily People's World", a West Coast Communist newspaper, for [REDACTED] carried an article entitled, "Stoolies Fumble the Lie--L.A. Deportation Hearings Postponed". This article noted that [REDACTED] had testified that he gave information to Captain [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, and the FBI and the Dies Committee. b7D

The "Daily People's World" [REDACTED] carried an article entitled, "Attorney Raps Use of Spies". In this article [REDACTED] Defense Attorney for [REDACTED] CIO Furniture Workers, Local No. 570, who was under deportation proceedings, pointed out that [REDACTED] a Government witness, was a spy in the Furniture Workers Union and paid by the Los Angeles Police Department.

This article also noted that under cross-examination, [REDACTED] admitted having notified former Captain [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Police Department concerning strike decisions voted in secret by members of the Furniture Workers Union and other confidential union activities. [REDACTED] recalled that [REDACTED] was used by the Government in the second attempt to

RE: [REDACTED]

deport Harry Bridges and noted that [REDACTED] had testified under oath that he had never received money or other reward for reports made to Captain [REDACTED]. In addition, the article noted that at a deportation hearing in Los Angeles, [REDACTED] had admitted having been paid at least \$150 by the Los Angeles Police Department for reports and that despite these facts, a motion to disqualify [REDACTED] was denied.

In September, 1950 [REDACTED] testified before the California State Senate, Un-American Activities Committee, relative to charges made by the Beverly Hills, California Chief of Police, C. H. Anderson, that [REDACTED] was a Communist. [REDACTED] stated that he had never seen [REDACTED] in a Communist meeting but testified as to the Communist affiliation as to some of the organizations which [REDACTED] supported.

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Re Bureau memo to Assistant Attorney General,
J. WALTER YEAGLEY, dated 4/19/60, copies of which
were furnished to the Los Angeles Office.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum concerning
[redacted] a copy of which has been furnished to the
United States Attorney, Los Angeles.

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Assistant United States Attorney JAMES R. DOOLEY,
orally advised April 27, 1960 that he will file and "answer
to interrogatory" by June 8, 1960 in the United States Dis-
trict Court, Los Angeles, by which he will advise the counsel
for [redacted] as to the names of witnesses he intends to use in
the denaturalization proceedings against [redacted]. Assistant
United States Attorney DOOLEY stated that the trial date in
this matter has not been set and that he would notify the Los
Angeles Office of this information as soon as it is available.
DOOLEY also advised that he would make known to the Los Angeles
Office as early as possible the information to which each
witness will be expected to testify.

This matter will be closely followed and the Bureau
appropriately advised.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED) (AIR MAIL)
- (1) - 100-413105 Ex-Communists as Witnesses
- 5 - Los Angeles
- (1 - 100-56645 Ex-Communists as Witnesses)
- (1 - 66-3706 [redacted])
- (1 - 66-120B-16 [redacted])
- (1 - 66-120B-375 [redacted])

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A review of the case entitled, [redacted] aka., LMRA-1949 (SM), " Los Angeles file 122-50, Bureau file 122-452, determined that four LMRA non-Communist affidavits were executed before a notary named JACOB LEHMAN and two were executed before a notary named [redacted]

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LEHMAN is the subject of Los Angeles files 100-5174 and 122-23; and Bureau files 100-105777 and 122-251. When Assistant United States Attorney DOOLEY was orally advised of LEHMAN's background he eliminated him as a possible Government witness.

With reference to [redacted] the indices of the Los Angeles Office contained the following information:

[redacted]

The name [redacted] Automotive - Factory Department, appeared on a list of room numbers and extensions of employees of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, 3355 16th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., in December, 1944.

In August, 1948 one [redacted] [redacted] Los Angeles, California, reportedly filed an application for work at the California Unemployment Bureau in Los Angeles. In this application, [redacted] stated that [redacted]

In August, 1950, one [redacted] [redacted] Los Angeles, California, an alien, and a member of the Furniture Workers Union, was reportedly a Communist Party sympathizer.

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In April, 1951, one [redacted] described as a member of the United Furniture Workers of America - CIO, in California, was listed as a Communist Party (CP) member or CP sympathizer.

In June, 1953, a physical surveillance was conducted by SA's of the Los Angeles Office on WALTER W. SMITH, a Section Educational Director in the Los Angeles County CP. SMITH was observed to be driven in a car registered to [redacted] [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

[redacted], Corporation Counsel's Office, Los Angeles County Clerk, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on June 27, 1960, the only address listed for [redacted] the notary public, was [redacted] [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

The address, [redacted] Los Angeles, is the address of Local 123 of the Furniture Workers, Upholsterers, and Wood Workers Union [redacted] [redacted]

By pretext, it was determined that [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and is employed by the Furniture Workers, Upholsterers, and Wood Workers Union, Local 123, at 4420 South Vermont, Los Angeles, California.

Although it would appear from [redacted] record, as noted above, that [redacted] would not be a willing Government witness in this case, Bureau authority is requested to contact him in accordance with the request of Assistant United States Attorney DOOLEY, to determine his cooperativeness.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-382414)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-25607)

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The U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, has advised of his intention to use the following individuals as witnesses in the naturalization proceedings against [redacted] in the case entitled "USA v. [redacted] etc., No. 1421-57T Civil" and has requested a "central indices check" be made of them in order that they may be cleared for use as witnesses;

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[redacted] (former [redacted], Los Angeles file 66-3706)

[redacted] (former [redacted] Los Angeles file 66-120B-16)

[redacted] (former [redacted] Los Angeles file 66-120B-375)

The use of [redacted] and [redacted] as Government witnesses was the subject of considerable correspondence in the cases involving the naturalization proceedings of DAVID and FREIDA DIAMOND (Los Angeles files 100-27457, 100-28354; Bufiles 100-370178 and 100-368391), and information concerning

- 4 - Bureau (1 - 100-418105) (Ex-Communists as Witnesses)
- 5 - Los Angeles (1 - 100-56645) (Ex-Communists as Witnesses)
- (1 - 66-3706) [redacted]
- (1 - 66-120B-16) [redacted]
- (1 - 66-120B-375) [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] was furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, in January-April, 1956. No new pertinent information concerning either [redacted] or [redacted] is known to the Los Angeles Office except by memo dated 5/1/56 from WILLIAM F. TOMPKINS, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, to the Director, FBI, in the case entitled "ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN, SM-G," Los Angeles file 100-4876, Bufile 100-17242, it was noted that sufficient derogatory information had been disclosed which prompted the Department Committee on Security Witnesses to conclude that [redacted] should not be used as a Government witness except in a special case where his testimony is essential and is corroborated from independent sources, whether admissible or not.

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With reference to [redacted], this individual, formerly known as [redacted] was canceled in December, 1945. [redacted] testified before the Dies Committee in 1945; was used as a Government witness in 1941 in deportation proceedings against HARRY BRIDGES at San Francisco; and was used as a Government witness in various deportation proceedings in Los Angeles during period 1949-52.

In accordance with provisions of SAC letter 55-40, the Bureau is requested to search its files for pertinent information concerning [redacted] and for pertinent information subsequent to April, 1956, concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] who is also known as [redacted] was born [redacted]. He is of the white race and resided in the Los Angeles area from [redacted]. His present residence is not known. His [redacted] has been listed as that of [redacted] Upholsterer's International Union, [redacted]

Indices of the Los Angeles Office contain voluminous information concerning [redacted] Communist Party (CP) activities during [redacted] interviewed 9/40 by Agents of the Los Angeles Office in case entitled "HARRY BRIDGES, Immigration Matter," at which time signed statement was obtained. Summary memorandum containing

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background and derogatory information in process of preparation by Los Angeles Office.

U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, desired reports on by 3/25/60 but advised that 15-30 day postponement would be arranged if information not readily available.

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Attention of U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, called to previous Bureau instructions, concerning the suggestion that he request clearance from Internal Security Division of Department for use of these individuals as witnesses.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AK*

DATE: December 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

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- Belmont *AK*
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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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We have been advised by the Department that a conference will be held by the Attorney General during the week of December 17 at the Department in connection with the captioned matter. You have been designated to represent the Bureau in this conference.

In a teletype to the Bureau dated December 13 captioned, "Compros - Philadelphia, Internal Security - C," the Philadelphia Office advised that United States Attorney Wilson White had advised that he was going to confer with Assistant Attorney General Tompkins in Washington on December 14 regarding the general policy and plans of the Department in the Philadelphia Smith Act case appeal. White stated that Tompkins plans to discuss this matter at a "high-level" conference scheduled for December 17 in Washington, D. C., at which Attorney General Brownell, the Director, Tompkins and others will be present.

I discussed this matter with Tom Hall of the Department on December 14, 1956. Mr. Hall stated the background of this matter is that he suggested to Tompkins that the Philadelphia Smith Act case appeal be discussed at the conference set up for the week of December 17 concerning communist attacks against Government witnesses. Mr. Hall said that Mr. Tompkins did not indicate whether he would bring this case up at the conference, but the fact that USA Wilson White is in Washington today to discuss the matter with Mr. Tompkins might indicate that Tompkins does plan to bring this matter up at the conference to be held during the week of December 17. Mr. Hall did not know whether an exact date had been set for the conference. Mr. Hall added that USA White is of the very definite opinion that Paul Crouch testified truthfully in the Philadelphia Smith Act case.

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Communist Attacks Against
Government Witnesses

ACTION:

In order that you may have the background of the Philadelphia Smith Act case, together with information concerning the Communist Party's motion attacking Crouch's credibility, we are preparing a memorandum setting forth this information.

J. Edgar Hoover *R. G. ...* *...*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 11, 1956

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES
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The minutes of the above committee dated December 3, 1956, have been received and reviewed.

The committee considered the Supreme Court decision in *Steve Mesarosh et al v. USA* in which the Supreme Court on November 5, 1956, remanded instant case to the District Court for trial de novo.

The committee recommended that cases in which [redacted] testified as a Government witness or cases in the administrative process be remanded to the appropriate administrative body, court or agency for such action as may be consistent with the decision of the Supreme Court.

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The Criminal Division is considering the credibility of [redacted] and its findings will be submitted to the committee when completed.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) advised the testimony of witness [redacted] (cleared by the committee May 19, 1955) in the case of the Communist Party, USA, before the Subversive Activities Control Board had been expunged by the board and requested advice of the committee regarding further use of [redacted] as a witness. The Internal Security Division will check details regarding the expulsion of Johnson's testimony and will advise the committee in order that it may consider the request of the INS.

1 - 100-55627 [redacted]

1 - 100-381185 [redacted]

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Memo Baumgardner to Belmont
Re: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES
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[redacted] was a member of the Communist Party from [redacted] and was used as a paid Bureau informant from [redacted] b7D

[redacted] he was not reactivated as a Bureau informant. He testified for INS on a number of occasions and before the Subversive Activities Control Board in September, 1951.

[redacted] were utilized as informants by the Pittsburgh Office from [redacted] [redacted] when both testified as Government witnesses in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial. (This is the only occasion either testified in a Bureau case). No information has been developed to indicate that either [redacted] furnished false or inaccurate information during the time they served as Bureau informants. It is to be noted, however, that since his discontinuance as a Bureau informant [redacted] has testified and made statements which have given cause to question his reliability. In connection with the possible unreliability of [redacted] [redacted] the Supreme Court returned the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial to the District Court for a new trial as to all defendants. b6 b7C b7D

ACTION:

Copies of the above-described minutes have been prepared for inclusion in the Bureau file of [redacted] (100-55627) and the Bureau file of [redacted] (100-381185). b6 b7C b7D

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- 1 - Mr. Reddy
- 1 - Mr. Donohue
- 1 - Mr. Thornton
- 1 - Mr. Bibler
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

January 4, 1957

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 10, 1956, captioned "California Emergency Defense Committee" enclosing a copy of a memorandum concerning [redacted] who is being considered as a witness in connection with the proceedings concerning captioned organization before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

For your information [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised that this information would be brought to the attention of the Department.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)
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DATE: 12/21/56

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FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-53645)

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SUBJECT: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES
California Emergency Defense Committee
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Re Buairtel 11/28/56 and Los Angeles letter 12/7/56 regarding CEDC.

On December 19, 1956 [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted by SA WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN regarding [redacted] who is a patient at the hospital.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] was advised that while the decision as to possible utilization of witnesses was one that would be made by the Department of Justice, the government did not desire to jeopardize the health of anyone, and that this information would be relayed to the Department of Justice.

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[redacted] further advised that contacts could be made to solicit information without any danger to [redacted] health.

The Bureau may desire to convey this information to the Department. Continued contacts will be made to determine when [redacted] will again be available as a potential witness.

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, by letter of June 14, 1956, advised they were discontinuing [redacted] as a witness due to his ill health.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 7, 1956

FROM : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST
GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

Reference is made to the brief dated December 5, 1956, which is to be used at a conference in the Attorney General's office during the week of December 17, 1956, on the subject of "Communist Party Attacks Against Government Witnesses." Mr. Belmont who is at home on sick leave asked that a copy of the brief be sent out to him. He called in today and suggested that an additional point be brought up at the conference concerning extensive delays which have been encountered in security cases. In this connection Mr. Belmont proposed:

That it be suggested at the conference that a study be made to determine how best to speed up the trial of security cases. It will be pointed out that in some of our Smith Act cases more than two years have elapsed between the time of indictment and the time the trial began. In connection with appeals the California Smith Act case has been under appeal since 1952 and no decision has yet been handed down by the Supreme Court. These long delays work to the distinct disadvantage of the Government in that witnesses die, get subpoenaed to appear before congressional committees and in some instances the Communist Party learns the identities of people who are to be Government witnesses. This enables the Communist Party to better prepare its attacks on Government witnesses.

In addition in a memorandum to Mr. Boardman dated November 29, 1956, it was recommended and approved, in connection with "Communist Party Attacks Against Government Witnesses," that an SAC letter be sent to the field instructing that efforts be made to prevent the repeated use of informants as witnesses in security cases. Also that immediately after an informant has been brought out as a witness in a security case the Agent who has handled him will have a serious talk with him concerning the absolute need to be truthful in any statements he makes in written articles or future testimony.

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner

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Info in this memo included in
revised Brief 12/5/56 "C.R. DEC 31 1956
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Memorandum for THE DIRECTOR
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST
GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

Mr. Belmont suggested that this SAC letter not be sent to the field until after the conference with the Attorney General in order that the field may have the benefit of decisions reached in pertinent points discussed at the conference.

ACTION:

In the event you agree, the two suggestions set forth above will be carried out.

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CONTEMPLATED PROSECUTION, LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947, (SECURITY MATTER) CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION, LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947 (SECURITY MATTER)

Reurairtel 12/27/56. Keep Bureau fully advised re information received from Department Attorneys concerning proposed grand jury action in Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 (Security Matter) cases your division and re information from Department Attorney re actual grand jury proceedings if instituted. Information should be submitted in specific cases where possible.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (122-123)

CONTEMPLATED PROSECUTION
LMRA, 1947 (SECURITY MATTER)
CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

EX-Communists as
WITNESSES

On 12/12/56, BRANDON ALVEY and WILLIAM GREENHALGH, Special Assistants to the AG, personally contacted the CV office to advise they intended to confer with USA SUMNER CANARY regarding possible Grand Jury action against several Cleveland LMRA subjects for violation of Section 159 (H) of the LMRA Statute. They named the following as among those being considered:

- MARIE REED - Bufile 122-217
- FRED HAUG - Bufile 100-132618
- JOSEPH SHEETZ - Bufile 122-525
- WILLIAM KOZMA - Bufile 122-1869
- [Redacted] - Bufile 122-1796
- JOSEPH KRES - Bufile 122-216

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Mr. ALVEY advised that the Department was also considering the prosecution of several Cleveland CP members most of whom are or have been members of UERMWA in a possible conspiracy violation. The basis for this action would be in

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - San Antonio - JOSEPH KRES (100-8535)
- 1 - New York - ANDREW REMES (100-14899)
- 1 - Chicago - SAMUEL REED (100-25959)
- 17 - Cleveland
 - 2 - MARIE REED (122-13)(100-13371)
 - 2 - JOE SHEETZ (122-44)(100-14730)
 - 2 - WILLIAM KOZMA (122-100)(100-18837)
 - 2 - [Redacted] (122-92)(100-18082)
 - 1 - UE (100-7686)
 - 1 - ANDREW REMES (100-18834)
 - 1 - HYMAN LUMER (100-4212)
 - 1 - SAM REED (100-19302)
 - 2 - FRED HAUG (100-13507)(122-12)
 - 2 - JOE KRES (100-2920)(122-12)
 - 1 - 122-123

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the assistance rendered the above labor leaders by the CP members in handling resignations from the CP in order that the labor leaders could sign non-Communist Affidavits. He named the following as being among those considered:

ANDREW REMES - Bufile 100-43
HYMAN LUMER - Bufile 100-71811
SAMUEL REED - Bufile 100-21007

On 12/26/56, Mr. DAVID HARRIS, Special Attorney, Dept. of Justice, advised this office he was in Cleveland preparing for the forthcoming Grand Jury hearings in this matter. He advised he desired copies of investigative reports for numerous Cleveland security subjects, approximately 57 subjects, so as to be ready for the Grand Jury hearings which were scheduled to begin on 1/3/57. These reports are being furnished him.

Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised.

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CONTEMPLATED PROSECUTIONS, LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947 (SECURITY MATTER) CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION, LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947 (SECURITY MATTER)

Reurairtel December 28, 1956. As instructed in SAC Letter 55-36 (O) Department Attorney Harris should be advised that the decision as to whether or not informants should review written reports in preparation for a trial is a decision to be made by the Department and Mr. Harris should be requested to contact the Department regarding this matter. If Harris raises a question regarding the reports of a particular informant Bureau should be furnished full details immediately.

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NOTE:

Department Attorney Harris, who is in Cleveland preparing for possible prosecutions, by letter to SAC requested advice as to the policy of the FBI regarding the use of written reports by informants to refresh their recollections in connection with interviews with them as possible witnesses.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (122-123)

CONTEMPLATIVE PROSECUTIONS LMRA-1947
(SECURITY MATTER) CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION;
LMRA-1947 (SECURITY MATTER)

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from Departmental Attorney DAVID H. HARRIS who is in Cleveland preparing LMRA cases for presentation to Grand Jury.

Informants of this office have not been shown their reports in past cases prosecuted in Cleveland, Bureau requested to advise what information should be given Mr. HARRIS re this matter.

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM CLEVELAND

One (1) copy of letter from Dept. Attorney
DAVID H. HARRIS

RE: CONTEMPLATIVE PROSECUTIONS LMRA-1947
(SECURITY MATTER) CV FIELD DIVISION;
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December 27, 1956.

Mr. H. O. Hawkins,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Standard Bldg.,
Cleveland 13, Ohio.

In re: LTRA-1947:Ohio

Dear Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will advise this office the policy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with reference to the use of written reports in the handwriting of informants filed by them with the Bureau during the time that they were informants for the purpose of refreshing the recollection of such informants in the event they are interviewed for use as possible witnesses.

Very truly yours,

Sumner Canary,
United States Attorney.

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By: David H. Harris,
Special Attorney,
Department of Justice.

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cc Boardman
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The Attorney General

January 3, 1957

Director, FBI

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

EX-Communists as Witnesses

Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 3, 1956, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There is attached hereto a chart which reflects similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through January 1, 1957.

Inasmuch as there have been no changes in the figures in categories one through four since December 1, 1956, an enlarged chart has not been prepared for the month of December, 1956.

Enclosure

cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosure)

cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
(With Enclosure)

See Belmont memo to Boardman 1-2-57 entitled as above PWD:pat

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of January 1, 1957

1. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>		48
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	41	
(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4	
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2	
(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....	1	
2. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>		15
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	7	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	2	
(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..	5	
(d) Labor Management Relations Act Case.....	1	
3. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		21
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	7	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..	7	
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	6	
(d) Obstruction of Justice Cases.....	1	
4. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		21
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	4	
(b) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1	
(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5	
(d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild...	6	
(e) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	5	

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- (a) Smith Act Trials..... 1
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 4
- (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild..... 3

6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials.....15
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 8
- (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....11
- (d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.... 4
- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....14

7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials.....64
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....373
- (c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League..... 1
- (d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions....38
- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases.....12
- (f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....51
- (g) Denaturalization Cases..... 2
- (h) Espionage Cases..... 1
- (i) Administrative Hearing Re Socialist Union of America..... 9

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 29, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST
GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

Departmental Committee On Security Witnesses

Since the Government's prosecutive program against subversives was intensified in 1948, 48 current confidential informants of the Bureau have been exposed through testifying at various trials and hearings. Naturally, as soon as a current informant has testified for the first time, he is in great demand as a witness, not only at subsequent trials and hearings in which the Bureau has an interest, but also at Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) proceedings, Congressional Committee Hearings, and various types of state actions.

These informants have been testifying to events which took place as long ago as ten years and they have not had their written reports covering these events available to them on the witness stand. No person who has not memorized his testimony or who has not refreshed his recollection from a written record can repeat the same story in exactly the same words time after time. These informants are subjected to intensive cross-examination in every instance, and some differences are bound to become apparent when their testimony at various trials and hearings is subjected to close scrutiny. Attorneys for Communist Party (CP) defendants, primarily in Smith Act trials and in hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), are currently comparing the testimony of key Government witnesses at various trials and hearings, and are seizing upon any differences, however slight, as the bases of motions for new trials. To date such motions have been filed in the Philadelphia Smith Act trial and in the CP, USA case before the SACB, based, respectively, upon alleged differences in the testimony of [redacted] and Paul Crouch. Undoubtedly, there will be similar motions filed in the future in other Smith Act cases and in hearings before the SACB.

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Reddy

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST
GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

In analyzing this situation, there appear to be two steps the Bureau should consider in an attempt to eliminate the bases on which attorneys for the CP are filing such motions.

(1) The repeated use of witnesses should be avoided wherever possible. While we can't tell the department not to use the same witness over and over, we should endeavor to furnish other witnesses who can testify concerning the CP activities of the subjects involved. In other words, after the first appearance of an informant as a witness, we should try to build later cases in the informants' former area of operation in such a way so as to preclude the necessity of his appearing at these later cases. It is realized that this will not always be possible but an effort should be made nonetheless.

It is not always the informant's appearances in later Bureau cases which cause the trouble. In the [redacted] case, [redacted] testified at only one Bureau case, and it was his later appearances before various Congressional committees and at state actions which produced the testimony challenged by defense attorneys in the Pittsburgh Smith Act case. It is also realized, that we will not be able to prevent our informants, once exposed, from testifying before Congressional committees, and at INS hearings and state actions. This, then, leads to the second step.

(2) Actually, the biggest problem here is control of the informant after his initial testimony. It is felt that immediately following the informant's initial appearance as a witness, the Agent who has been handling the informant should have a serious talk with him. He should point out that since the informant will no longer be operated by the Bureau, he may be contacted for interviews and appearances by the press, radio and television. He will undoubtedly be sought as a witness by Congressional committees, by INS and by state authorities. The Agent should firmly stress that in connection with any interviews or appearances as a witness, the informant must continue to be factual and truthful and must not build up or embellish his statements or eventually he is bound to wind up in serious trouble.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST
GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

It should be pointed out that since the informant has testified and has been identified as a Bureau informant, he has become a public figure and may be approached by unscrupulous individuals who see in him a means of financial gain for themselves. The informant should be warned that he should not allow himself to be used by such individuals in a manner which would nullify and destroy the outstanding patriotic service the informant has rendered his country.

It is felt that the two points discussed above, namely an attempt to prevent the repeated use of a witness and a serious talk with each informant following his initial appearance as a witness may enable us to prevent recurrences of the [redacted] case and may forestall attempts by attorneys for the CP to attack Government witnesses through the filing of motions for new trials and hearings based on alleged differences in testimony.

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If you agree, we will prepare appropriate instructions for the field along the above lines.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *Jm 12-31-56*

DATE: December 31, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AH*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 5, 1956, to which was attached a proposed brief for use at a conference originally scheduled to be held in the Attorney General's office the week of December 17, 1956. Since this conference has not been held we have gone over the original brief and have brought it up to date where necessary.

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Departmental Committee On Security Witnesses.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached pages be inserted in the brief of December 5, 1956.

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cc Boardman
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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *lpon*

DATE: January 2, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AH*

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated December 31, 1956, attaching pages bringing up to date a proposed brief dated December 5, 1956, for use in connection with a conference in the Attorney General's office on the captioned subject.

Attached is a revised page two which is being changed to include a Department request for investigation of allegations as to the credibility of Paul Crouch.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *J.P. 1-4-57*

DATE: January 2, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of January 1, 1957.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of the chart is also transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Inasmuch as the figures in categories one through four have not changed since the submission of the chart which reflected the status of this matter as of December 1, 1956, enlarged charts have not been prepared this month. There is attached, however, for the Director's information a copy of the memorandum and chart prepared last month.

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ACTION:

Attached, for approval, is a memorandum to the Attorney General, copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, transmitting the chart reflecting the status of this matter as of January 1, 1957, and pointing out that enlarged charts are not being transmitted since there have been no changes in categories one through four since December 1, 1956.

- Enclosures *sent 1-3-57*
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 - Belmont
 - Baumgardner
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2. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	15
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	2
(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...	5
(d) Labor Management Relations Act Case.....	1
3. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	21
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	7
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions...	7
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	6
(d) Obstruction of Justice.....	1
4. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	21
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(c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5
(d) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild....	6
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5. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>	8
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	1
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
(c) Administrative Hearings Re National Lawyers Guild...	3

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- (a) Smith Act Trials..... 15
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SAC, Cleveland (122-123) *of - CONSPIRATORS AS WITNESSES*

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CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION, LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947 (SM)

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For your information, in contacts with Department Attorney David H. Harris, an article appeared in the "Newark Evening News," Newark, New Jersey, 4-22-55, quoting an unidentified Department attorney later determined to be Harris. According to this article, he stated that in preparation for a trial the FBI does not aid Department attorneys but makes their work more difficult. You should be extremely circumspect in dealing with Harris and not furnish him any basis for justifiable criticism of the Bureau or its procedures. Advise Bureau promptly if any problem arises in your relationship with Harris. Do not furnish Harris any assistance in the nature of personal services such as stenographic assistance or office space. Special Agents and Bureau cars are not to be made available for the transportation of Harris. It should be left up to Harris to make arrangements for the transportation of potential witnesses and Special Agents should not participate in interviews with potential witnesses conducted by Harris unless such a potential witness is a security informant or a confidential source. Harris may be furnished information regarding the physical whereabouts of potential witnesses whose availability has already been furnished the Department by the Bureau. If he inquires regarding the availability of any witnesses regarding which inquiries have not previously been received from the Department, he should be advised that the request should be channeled through the Department and Bureau should be advised by teletype. Any controversial requests by Harris should be cleared with the Bureau immediately.

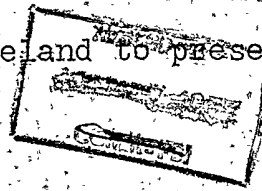
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Harris is in Cleveland to present LMRA, 1947 (SM) cases to a grand jury.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

DATE: January 3, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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SAC Hawkins called from Cleveland referring to an airtel from Cleveland dated December 28, 1956, reflecting an inquiry from Departmental Attorney David Harris as to the policy of the Cleveland Office in allowing informants to examine their informant reports before testifying in a case. Mr. Hawkins said that Harris will start presenting the case to the grand jury tomorrow afternoon and he wondered if we had replied to this airtel. I told him a reply had been sent back to Cleveland; however, for his information, the Bureau policy in this was that it is a Departmental decision as to whether informants should be allowed to see their reports and Harris should consult with the Department; that the Bureau does not want to be consulted and will not express an opinion. I pointed out to Mr. Hawkins that this is all part of the picture of Bureau reports and records being introduced at a trial and, consequently, we had pointed out the dangers to the Department and were placing the responsibility on the Department to make a decision.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 3, 1957

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (122-123)

SUBJECT: CONTEMPLATED PROSECUTIONS
LMRA-1947 (SECURITY MATTER)
CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Remyairtel, 12-27-56.

Enclosed herewith are copies of blank memorandum setting forth results of an interview by Bureau Agents of [redacted] which was conducted on December 28, 1956, at the request of Departmental Attorney DAVID H. HARRIS on December 27, 1956. Copies of this memorandum have been furnished Mr. HARRIS and the enclosed copies for the Bureau are being made available in the event the Bureau desires to forward them to the Department.

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Mr. HARRIS has advised that he is contemplating issuing a subpoena for [redacted] to appear before the Grand Jury hearings in this matter on January 8, 1957.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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[REDACTED]

The above individual was interviewed by Special Agents Vincent R. Napoli and A. James Anderson, Jr., on December 28, 1956, at [REDACTED], pursuant to a request from Departmental Attorney David H. Harris on December 27, 1956.

[REDACTED] stated he first became interested in the Communist Party in [REDACTED] and did considerable reading on the background of Communism, mentioning that he read works of Marx and Lenin, as well as reading as much other material that he could find in an effort to fully learn the aims and teachings of Communism. He joined the Workers Alliance in [REDACTED] stating that at the time he joined, he did not know that it was a Communist front group. He said he learned that fact at a later date, and afterward he was approached by some unrecalled member of the Communist Party and asked to join the Communist Party. He did not join at that time, stating that he stalled for time as he was not certain as to whether or not he wanted to join.

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In [REDACTED] while living [REDACTED] he was a member of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UEW) while employed at [REDACTED]. In that way he met Art Wernick, then the President of UEW Local 598. Up to this time, [REDACTED] had been following the Communist Party through what he called the "radical labor movement." In [REDACTED] he joined the Communist Party, claiming that he joined through Wernick, and further claiming that he was issued a Communist Party membership card. He carried this card, the number of which he could not recall, until [REDACTED] at which time he tore up the card on Communist Party orders. In [REDACTED] he left [REDACTED] to return to [REDACTED] and continued to follow the Communist Party movement in [REDACTED]. He added that he attended only a few "open" Communist Party meetings after returning to [REDACTED].

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Re: [redacted]

While in [redacted] and again in [redacted] he did not attend what he felt were actual Communist Party meetings. He attended only Progressive Party meetings, but added that he knew that each meeting was attended and controlled by Communist Party members. He estimated attending about four or five such meetings. He hesitated to name other persons at these meetings whom he "knew" to be Communist Party members, saying that the lapse of time made it impossible for him to do so. He said most of these Progressive Party meetings were held at the residence of Art Wernick, adding that he always noted Communist Party literature on the tables in Wernick's house which was there for anyone's use. He recalled that in [redacted] which year [redacted] only during the Summer months and up to election time [redacted] handed out Progressive Party literature in [redacted] in preparation for the Henry Wallace for President campaign. He pointed out that Wernick was not living [redacted] but had moved to Fostoria, Ohio, where he still resides as far as [redacted] knows. Further, in [redacted] a Wallace caravan came to [redacted] for about two days during which [redacted] handed out Progressive Party literature. The other persons that he could readily recall that were active in a similar manner [redacted] William Kozma and Joseph Sheetz. He added that these same persons were very active in the Progressive Party in 1948.

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In regard to Communist Party conditions in [redacted] at present [redacted] stated that he does not believe there is any such activity at the present time. He commented that since returning to [redacted] he has "bumped into" former acquaintances he had had through the UEW Local in [redacted] and none of them indicated to him that any Communist Party or Progressive Party activity was occurring in [redacted]. He stated that he felt that he would have been apprised of any activity of importance should same be occurring.

In regard to Joseph Sheetz, he stated that he knows Sheetz to be a Communist, and knew him to have been same since 1947 or 1948 when he first met Sheetz. He said that Sheetz has never shown him his Communist Party membership card, nor has he ever admitted to him that he was a member of the Communist Party, but [redacted] knows Sheetz to be a Communist "as he knows Gus Hall and William Z. Foster to be Communists." He said he knows that Sheetz does not believe in the methods of the Progressive Party, as he knows that Sheetz feels that the present form of

Re: [redacted]

government in the United States cannot be changed by means of a peaceful ballot. He recalled that in 1952, while at a meeting in [redacted] house, Sheetz made the statement that "he wanted to change to Communist Party government, but felt that the only way it could be accomplished was at the point of a rifle." He said the meeting was called primarily to discuss the "52-20" Unemployment Bill and also union business, adding that Sheetz was present with [redacted] and one or two others, whom he could not recall.

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He further recalled that he formerly subscribed to the "Daily Worker", stating he wrote for his own subscription by cutting out a subscription order from one of the daily papers. He added that he also subscribed to the Sunday "Worker", which he believes he obtained from Sheetz, but he said of that he could not be certain; however, [redacted] seemed quite certain that he was living at [redacted] when he had this subscription.

Further [redacted] stated that Sheetz attended a speech given at the Union Hall on North Main Street, Mansfield, by Pauline Taylor, adding that he believed this speech was sponsored by UEW Local 758. He said he believed this was actually a union delegate meeting and believed that it was in March, 1951. He stated he could not be certain of this date. He stated that he knows Sheetz was present at the meeting as [redacted] who was visiting briefly in Mansfield at the time, was also at the meeting. He said he was quite certain that Sheetz introduced the speaker and also made the arrangements for her being present to give the speech. [redacted] said he felt quite certain that the meeting was Communist Party dominated and inspired. He further stated that he knows Pauline Taylor to be a Communist as he knew of her trip to the Warsaw Peace Conference and knew of her visit to USSR. He said he would classify her as being a Communist much in the same manner he would classify Sheetz.

In regard to William Kozma [redacted] stated that he knows Kozma and his wife, and knows them to be good Progressive Party members. He said he has no reason to feel that they are affiliated with the Communist Party, but added that he has never heard Kozma condemn the Communist Party. He said he has never known Kozma to attend any meetings at which he, [redacted] was present. He said he feels that Kozma is probably a supporter of the Communist Party and in all probability is

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a Communist Party sympathizer. He said he knows that Kozma was a staunch supporter of the Progressive Party in 1948, citing the fact that Kozma was instrumental in getting the Progressive Party Wallace caravan out of jail in Mansfield in 1948, after the caravan, or members of it, had been jailed for blocking traffic. He stated that Kozma mortgaged his home to obtain enough bond money.

In regard to [redacted] stated that neither are members of the Communist Party at present, adding that he is confident that they never were. He said he knows they do not believe in dictatorship, he knows they have denounced Stalin, and knows they are opposed to the present Hungarian oppression. He added that he knows they have always voted the Democratic ticket at national elections, and stated that they, [redacted] were not in favor of [redacted] Communist Party association in the past. He said the only event he could recall about his sister, was that in 1948 she accompanied [redacted] to a Progressive Party Wallace campaign meeting.

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[redacted] stated he does not know [redacted] of Mansfield, although he is certain he has heard the names in connection with union activities at Westinghouse Electric Corporation of Mansfield. He added he does not know [redacted] except to know that he is [redacted] and has heard that he is opposed to her politics. He said the only other person he could name as definitely being a Communist whom he knew in Mansfield through his former union activities was one [redacted] whom he believed was active in union activities at Westinghouse.

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In regard to [redacted] present political beliefs, he stated that while he is opposed to some of the practices and policies of the capitalist form of government, he is a full believer in Christianity and is fully opposed to Communism. He stated he likes his personal freedom, stating that in his opinion, Communism definitely deprives one of his personal freedom. He said he denounces Communism on two grounds: He does not condone dictatorship; he cannot conceive living under a regimented system.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN *JH 1-23-57*

DATE: January 18, 1957

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AH*

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

EX - COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

By memorandum 11-27-56, the Attorney General directed Deputy Attorney General Rogers to arrange a conference during the week of 12-17-56 to discuss problems raised, and the Bureau's memorandum to the Attorney General 11-20-56 relating to Communist Party attacks against Government witnesses.

A brief was prepared for the Director's use at this conference which included two suggested courses of action by the Bureau which might contribute to the prevention of further attacks by the CP against Government witnesses. These were (1) the development of new witnesses to prevent the repeated use of the same witnesses at security trials and hearings and (2) an interview with the informant-witness immediately after he testifies for the first time to point out the absolute need for the informant-witness to be truthful in any statements he makes to the press or in written articles or during any possible future testimony.

In my memorandum November 29, 1956, it was recommended and approved that the field be issued appropriate instructions regarding the two above courses of action. However, my memorandum dated 12-7-56 recommended that these instructions be held up until after the Attorney General's conference in order that the field might have the benefit of the pertinent points discussed at the conference. Since the proposed conference has not been held and since there has been no further word from the Department since the receipt of the original memorandum from the Attorney General dated 11-27-56, it is not felt that these instructions should be held up any longer. If and when the conference is held, any additional instructions or pertinent information can be transmitted to the field.

RECOMMENDATIONS

If you approve, the attached SAC Letter should be transmitted at this time.

Enclosure
1 - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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LMRA, 1947 (SM), Conspiracy."

Copy of Department memorandum dated 1-16-57 and captioned "Joseph Sheetz, Labor Management Relations Act, 1947," requesting interview with T-11 in report of SA Vincent Napoli dated 1-5-55 in Sheetz case being furnished you by copy of Bureau memorandum to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins dated 1-23-57 in Sheetz case. If [redacted] willing to be interviewed by Department attorney, furnish his name, address and telephone number to Department Attorney Harris immediately. Advise.

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[redacted] was T-11 in report SA Napoli. Harris is in Cleveland presenting this case to a grand jury.

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Remyaartel Jan. 11, 1957.

Departemntal attorney WILLIAM GREENHALGH advised this date that Department interested in proceedings. AAG WILLIAM TOMPKINS, as well as departemntal officials WILLIAM HUNDLEY, hief of LMRA Unit will arrive Cleveland on Jan. 22, 1957 to observe and participate re proceedings before FGJ concerning conspiracy element this matter.

For further info Dept. Attorney DAVID HARRIS advised this date that he urgently desires to interview T-11 in report of SA VINCENT NAPOLI dated Jan. 5, 1955, captioned JOSEPH SHEETZ, LMRA, 47 (SM), Bufile 122-525. He advised he has requested Bureau clearance through Department.

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For info of Bureau, T-11 is [Redacted] who is not a current informant and was last interviewed on Oct. 14, 1954, when he stated he did not desire to testify.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 17, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES
Bufile 100-418105

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The minutes of the above committee dated January 7, 1957, have been received and reviewed.

The question as to the further use of [redacted] as a Government witness has not been resolved and this matter is being given further consideration by the committee.

The committee is making a further review of the Criminal Division's findings regarding the testimony of [redacted] and a determination has not been made as to what action will be taken regarding her testimony.

The committee is considering the advisability of establishing a separate control body (or a permanent committee), whose responsibility will be to pass on witnesses to be used by the Department. The committee is giving this matter further study and a decision will be reached as quickly as possible.

[redacted] was a member of the Communist Party from [redacted] and was used as a paid Bureau informant from [redacted]

[redacted] He testified for INS on a number of occasions and before the Subversive Activities Control Board in September, 1951.

[redacted] were utilized as informants by the Pittsburgh Office from [redacted] when both testified as Government witnesses in the Pittsburgh

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Memo Baumgardner to Belmont
Re: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES
100-418105

Smith Act Trial. (This is the only occasion he testified in a Bureau case). (She also testified in CRC case before SACB in December, 1954.) No information has been developed to indicate that either [redacted] furnished false or inaccurate information during the time they served as Bureau informants. In connection with the possible reliability of [redacted] the Supreme Court returned the Pittsburgh Smith Act Trial to the District Court for a new trial as to all defendants.

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ACTION:

Copies of the above-described minutes have been prepared for inclusion in the Bufile of [redacted] (100-55627) and the Bufile of [redacted] (100-381185).



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cc Boardman
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The Attorney General

February 5, 1957

Director, FBI

Departmental Committee ON
RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Security
Witnesses

Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 3, 1957, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There are attached hereto charts reflecting similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through February 1957.

Inasmuch as there have been no changes in the figures in categories one and two since January 1, 1957, those two categories are not being repeated in the attached enlarged chart.

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Enclosure

cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosure)

cc Assistant Attorney General
William E. Tompkins
(With Enclosure)

See Belmont memo to Boardman 2-5-57 entitled as above EBR:tmf

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/13/57

FROM : SAC, BUTTE

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS
AGAINST GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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Re SAC Letter 57-7(K).

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[redacted] was., former [redacted] (Bufile 100-26,286), was a witness during December, 1955, in the MAURICE EUGENE TRAVIS, LMRA(SM) case. He is scheduled to be a witness in the SACB hearing regarding International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUM&SW), scheduled to begin February 25, 1957. He is also scheduled to be a witness in the LMRA (Conspiracy) case against the IUM&SW leadership.

It appears that his testimony cannot be supplanted as his principal testimony concerns pertinent conversations with only one Subject and himself and proceedings on the IUM&SW Executive Board where he was the only cooperative witness present.

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(K) COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT WITNESSES -- During the past several years, the Communist Party (CP) has been waging a continuous attack against Bureau informants who have testified at Smith Act and at other security trials and hearings. This attack, which has been given added impetus by the recent action of the United States Supreme Court in remanding the Pittsburgh Smith Act case for a retrial on the basis of possible perjured testimony by Government witness [redacted] is a matter of continuous concern to the Bureau.

In an attempt to combat this attack by the CP, the Bureau desires that you immediately place into effect the following two programs;

(1) Development of Additional Witnesses

The undesirability of the repeated use of the same witness at security trials and hearings is obvious. The witness acquires the reputation of being a "professional witness" and there is the added danger of differences in degree of his testimony. While the witness basically is testifying truthfully, the CP will, as it has already done, seize upon and use the slightest differences in testimony as the basis for a motion for a new trial and to generally attack the credibility of the witness. Bearing this in mind, the Bureau will make every effort to preclude, wherever possible, the necessity that an informant appear repeatedly at trials and hearings involving violations within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau. It is not anticipated that valuable current informants will be sacrificed to achieve this goal but the field will be expected to make an all-out effort to develop witnesses who can furnish the same testimony as that expected of previously used witnesses.

(2) Interview With Witness Following Initial Testimony

One of the best methods of combating the CP attack against Government witnesses lies in our ability to control informants following their initial testimony. Although it is obviously impossible to exercise the same degree of control over a discontinued informant as can be exercised over an active informant, every effort should be made to prevent a discontinued informant from becoming involved

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in situations which may prove embarrassing either to the informant or to the Government. With this in mind, a serious talk should be had with an informant immediately after he has testified for the first time. It should be pointed out to the informant that he will no longer be operated by the Bureau and since he is a public figure he will probably be contacted by representatives of the press, radio and television for interviews and appearances and he may be sought as a witness by congressional committees, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and by state authorities. It should be firmly stressed that, in connection with any future interviews or appearances as a witness, the informant must continue to be factual and truthful and must not build up or embellish his statements for if he does so, he will eventually wind up in serious trouble. In order that the maximum effect may be achieved, the interview must be conducted by the Special Agent in Charge in his office and in the presence of the Agent who handled the informant.

With reference to the first program, the Bureau should be advised of any indication by Government attorneys that an informant-witness who has previously testified will be called upon for testimony at a subsequent trial or hearing. The Bureau should be further furnished your comments concerning the possibility of supplanting the testimony of the informant-witness involved.

With reference to the second program, the Bureau desires to be advised in each instance where a Special Agent in Charge conducts an interview with an informant-witness immediately following his initial testimony. This letter should comment on the possible effectiveness of the interview.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 18, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *AWB*

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES (Bufile - 100-418105)

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The minutes of the above committee dated January 14 and 18, 1957, and February 1 and 6, 1957, have been received and reviewed.

The January 14, 1957, minutes of this committee reflect that on January 10, 1957, the Immigration and Naturalization Service notified the Attorney General of its recommendation that control of witnesses be vested in the Internal Security Division. This recommendation concurred with the recommendation made to the Attorney General by the Criminal Division on January 7, 1957.

William G. Hundley has replaced Harold D. Koffsky as of January 4, 1957, as representative of the Internal Security Division.

The use of [redacted] and [redacted] as witnesses was still under advisement.

In connection with the use of an espionage agent as a witness, the committee deems that the use of such individual is within its purview and requested back ground of this individual be submitted for evaluation in connection with his possible use as a witness in an espionage prosecution.

The January 18, 1957, minutes reflect that the committee determined that Elmer Edward Back should not be used as a Government witness.

The Internal Security Division submitted a memorandum recommending that the control of witnesses be vested in the committee with a permanent secretariat and should not be vested in the Internal Security Division.

- 1 - Belmont
- 1 - Baumgardner
- 1 - Rose
- 1 - 100-55627 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-381185 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-392888 (Elmer Edward Back)
- 1 - 100-356713 (Maurice Malkin)
- 1 - 100-24614 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-372409 (Matthew Cvetko)
- 1 - 100-202315 [redacted]

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RE: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES
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The February 1, 1957, minutes reflect that the committee, after due consideration, recommended that [redacted] not be used in the future as a Government witness.

The Internal Security Division submitted the question regarding future use of Maurice Malkin, [redacted] Matthew Cvetic. The committee advised that it would defer its recommendation in this matter pending the submission of more detailed information.

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The Internal Security Division at this meeting recommended that [redacted] not be used as a witness.

At the February 6, 1957, meeting the Internal Security Division informed the committee that the Division will not use Maurice Malkin or [redacted] as witnesses in Departmental proceedings. However, a door was left open for possible use of Malkin as a witness in a case of National interest which might arise in the future.

The committee disapproved the use of [redacted] Matthew Cvetic and [redacted] as witnesses in Government prosecutions.

In connection with the possible use of an [redacted] the Criminal Division and INS advised no derogatory information concerning this witness. The committee considered this witness and approved his use as a witness for Departmental proceedings.

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[redacted] was a member of the Communist Party from [redacted] and was used as a paid Bureau informant from [redacted]. He testified for INS on a number of occasions and before the SACB in September, 1951.

[redacted] and her husband [redacted] were utilized as informants by the Pittsburgh Office from [redacted] when both testified as Government witnesses in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial. [redacted] also testified in CRC case before

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the SACB in December, 1954. It is to be noted that in connection with the possible reliability of [redacted] [redacted] the Supreme Court returned the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial to the District Court for a new trial as to all defendants.

[redacted] was formerly affiliated with the subversive movement in the [redacted] and [redacted] areas. He was interviewed by Agents of the Detroit Office in [redacted] at which time he admitted his past Communist Party affiliations and indicated a desire to assist the Bureau. In view of his criminal background and numerous arrests for being intoxicated, he was not deemed suitable for development as a PSI. Bufiles reflect that the Department was considering his possible use as a witness and full background information regarding him was submitted to the Department by memorandum on January 8, 1957.

Maurice Malkin has been utilized as a witness by the INS on a number of occasions in the past. He has never been considered a confidential informant of the Bureau but has furnished information in his possession to the Bureau regarding Communist activities.

[redacted] was a member of the Young Communist League, [redacted] and a member of the Communist Party from [redacted]

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[redacted] He has been the subject of a security investigation by this Bureau and served as a Government witness in the Los Angeles Smith Act trial in 1952. He has been interviewed by this Bureau on numerous occasions and has also testified before Congressional committees and deportation hearings.

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Matthew Cuetic joined the Communist Party in February, 1943, in Pittsburgh in order to furnish information to the FBI and was utilized as a paid informant until January, 1950. He was discontinued as an informant in view of indiscretions on his part in revealing his informant relationship with the Bureau to unauthorized persons and his excessive use of intoxicants. He has testified before Congressional committees and has also lectured throughout the country on the subject of communism. He also testified in the trial of the Communist Party leaders in the Pittsburgh area.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and has recently testified before the grand jury in New York City.

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ACTION:

None. Copy of this memo to be filed in attached designated files.

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

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- (h) Espionage Cases..... 1
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- (j) Registration Act Case..... 1

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cc Boardman
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The Attorney General

March 4, 1957

Director, FBI

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

EX-Communists As Witnesses

Reference is made to my memorandum dated February 5, 1957, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There are attached hereto charts reflecting similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through March 1, 1957.

Inasmuch as there have been no changes in the figures in categories one, three and four since February 1, 1957, these categories are not being repeated in the attached enlarged chart.

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cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General RECORDED - 49
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cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Juan Trial (No trial date set.) 3

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- (2) Boston Trial (No trial date set.) 2

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(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB.)

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- (3) Emanuel Blum Membership Case 1
(Trial tentatively set for March 18, 1957)

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(Also to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) hearing before SACB.)

- (4) John Cyril Hellman Membership Case 1
(No trial date set.)

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(Also to testify at International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB.)

Tolson _____ (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

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- (1) Council on African Affairs 2
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to Government September 15, 1955.)

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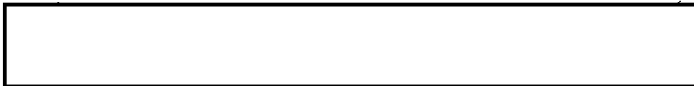
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(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

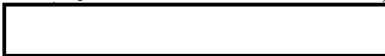
- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Petition filed December 20, 1955.)

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Hearing in progress.)

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(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Bruno Maze Case
(Trial set for March 26, 1957.)

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- (2) Lee Brown Case
(Grand jury will hear March 14, 1957.)

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(e) Espionage Case

- (1) United States v. Jack Soble, et al.
(No trial date set.)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

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4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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 - (d) Obstruction of Justice Case..... 1
 - (e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 2

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ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES: 20
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 4
 - (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist
League (ISL)..... 5
 - (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild.... 6
 - (d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 5

- 5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW
BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED: 9
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 1
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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 1, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains two charts, one enlarged, reflecting the status of this matter as of March 1, 1957.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of each chart is also being transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Inasmuch as the figures in categories one, three and four have not changed since the submission of the charts which reflected the status of this matter as of February 1, 1957, these categories are not being repeated in the enlarged charts.

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ACTION:

Attached, for approval, is a memorandum to the Attorney General, copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, transmitting the charts reflecting the status of this matter as of March 1, 1957.

Enclosures
cc Boardman
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That campaign is now on full-blast, and may be expected to take on even more noise and fury, now that the U. S. Communist Party has adopted a strictly phony declaration of independence from Moscow.

The objective of the campaign is to—

RUIN THE FBI

—as a defense against subversives of all kinds.

Suppose the FBI should be compelled by law to disclose all its sources of information on demand.

There would be two main results, both disastrous.

For one, the Commies in most cases would learn much more than the identity of one exposed informant. By putting two and two together, they could spot other FBI operatives or informants now working in comparative safety inside the party.

Naked to The Enemy

For another, potential informants would be frightened out of getting in touch with the FBI, and this invaluable source of information would dry up overnight.

Hoover and his men would be hamstrung in their fight against the enemy within, and the enemy would have driven a large economy-size hole in our main home defense line.

Creatures of the stripe of Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White and Judith Coplon would have a continuous field day.

Hence, it is to all real Americans' plain self-interest to slap down these expose-the-informants conspirators whenever and wherever found.

cc - Mr. Bland
cc - Mr. Gochmour

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

March 7, 1957

Director, FBI

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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the several previous communications to you regarding Chaunt.

Chaunt is the subject of denaturalization proceedings, Civil Case Number 15007-DL, in the United States District Court at Los Angeles, California. The trial in this case was scheduled to begin on March 6, 1957, according to information received by our Los Angeles, California, Office from the Office of the United States Attorney at Los Angeles.

In relation to this case, on March 4, 1957, the United States Attorney at Los Angeles through our Los Angeles Office requested that a central index check be made regarding the following persons, the results of which were to be furnished to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles prior to the presentation of this case on March 6, 1957:

[Redacted names]

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The files of this Bureau disclosed that [redacted] who may possibly be identical with [redacted] mentioned above. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at Buffalo, New York, was previously furnished 100-13216

cc - Los Angeles (100-45924) (For Information)

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- cc - 100-418105 (Excommunists as Witnesses)
- cc - 100-132116
- cc - 100-13058
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Assistant Attorney General
Garrett Glinco III

copies of pertinent reports on [redacted] which included
the arrests of [redacted] under FBI Number [redacted]. These
arrests are as follows:

On [redacted], he was arrested by
the Police Department, Bollingham, Washington,
as [redacted] charged with being a
common law carrier, was fined twenty dollars and
sentenced to twenty days on September 13, 1939.

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On [redacted] he was arrested for
vagrancy by the Police Department, Rochester,
New York, as [redacted] but no disposition was
taken concerning this arrest.

On [redacted] he was arrested by the
Police Department, Astoria, New York, as
[redacted] on charge of acceptance and was
ordered out of town.

On [redacted] he was arrested by the
Sheriff's Office, Vanandaigna, New York, as [redacted]
for the possession of marijuana and received one
year in jail.

About [redacted] he was arrested
at Fort Wayne, Indiana, as [redacted] for being a
transient and was ordered to leave town.

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[redacted] admitted an arrest in [redacted] at Seattle,
Washington, as [redacted] for disorderly conduct in
relation to labor trouble and received eight days
in jail, and an arrest in 1931 on a similar charge
as [redacted] at Niagara Falls, New York, and received
ninety days in jail.

[redacted] also admitted an arrest in 1933 as
[redacted] at Utica, New York, on a charge of vagrancy
and received thirty days in jail.

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Assistant Attorney General
Larson Glacy III

Information contained in the files of this Bureau reflects [redacted] admitted to United States Army representatives in 1943 that he was a Communist Party (CP) member from [redacted] under the name of [redacted] but was expelled from the CP for endorsing a Republican candidate in Canandaigua, New York. The files of this Bureau reflect no subsequent subversive activity for [redacted]

The files of this Bureau disclosed one [redacted] who may possibly be identical with [redacted] mentioned above, was born [redacted] Information was received from ICB, Buffalo, New York, in October, 1952, which reflected one [redacted]

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was a self-admitted former member of the Young Communist League (YCL) during [redacted] The files of this Bureau also disclosed that one [redacted]

[redacted] advised Agents of this Bureau in January, 1950, that eighteen years prior to 1932 he had been associated with the CP, but had disassociated himself from the CP after learning the teachings of the CP and had had no subsequent contact with the CP or any of its members. The files of this Bureau disclosed no other information bearing on the credibility of [redacted]

Information contained in the files of this Bureau disclosed [redacted] who may possibly be identical with [redacted] mentioned above, joined the CP in [redacted] the YCL in [redacted]

[redacted] the CP in the State of Iowa. In [redacted] he was employed for several weeks with [redacted] and then [redacted]

[redacted] "Daily Worker," an anti-social communist newspaper. [redacted] reportedly broke with the CP in December, 1950, because of Party criticism of [redacted]

[redacted] testified as a Government witness in the second deportation hearing of Harry Bridges in April, 1941, and as a hearing of the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee in July, 1945. [redacted] had never been investigated by this Bureau.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

On March 5, 1957, our Los Angeles Office was instructed to furnish the above information regarding [redacted] to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles along with any additional pertinent information reflecting on their credibility contained in the files of our Los Angeles Office.

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The following additional information regarding [redacted] was furnished to our Los Angeles Office on March 6, 1957, for the further assistance of the United States Attorney at Los Angeles:

In 1947, [redacted] testified as House Committee on Un-American Activities' hearing regarding communist infiltration of the motion picture industry. He testified before the Sedition Activities Investigation Commission of the State of Illinois in 1949 regarding investigation of the University of Chicago and DePaul College. An article appearing in the Washington, D. C., "Times-Herald" [redacted] reflected Laird Hill, chairman of the Board of Trustees, University of Chicago, had stated that [redacted] allegations during the above testimony were either "false or no longer applicable" and branded [redacted] charges as "irresponsible." In 1949, [redacted] testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization in relation to communist activities among clubs and national groups.

[redacted] "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," mentioned above, pages eight and nine, carried an article concerning [redacted] This article stated in part as follows: "For almost twenty years, he was the sensation-a-day 'red expert' for the Labor press, winning a despicable career out of the ultra-leftist [redacted]"

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Chaunt's SI card cancelled 7-55. He was born in Hungary and naturalized 11-28-40, NYC. Presently resides LA. Denaturalization case re Chaunt is civil matter originally filed in 1953 in Cleveland and venue subsequently changed to LA. Chaunt interviewed on various dates from 5-53 to 10-53 and furnished considerable information re subversive activities of numerous people known to him. He admitted CP membership 1925 to 1934. He was CP organizer at one time. He reportedly joined the CP about 1918. He reportedly attended CP functions regularly until 1949. He was in contact with Cleveland CP leaders as recently as 3-49. Information concerning availability of number of Government witnesses previously furnished to INS. Above information re [redacted] furnished by radiogram to LA on 3-5-57 and above additional information re Bushmore contained in teletype to LA 3-6-57. Additional file review re [redacted] necessary due to numerous references on him.

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cc - Mr. Bland
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[REDACTED] TESTIFIED AT HCUA HEARING

RE COMMUNIST MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY, AND IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE
BEFORE SENATE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION RE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AMONG ALIENS AND NATIONAL
GROUPS. IN NINETEEN FORTY NINE HE TESTIFIED BEFORE SEDITIONOUS
ACTIVITIES INVESTIGATION COMMISSION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, RE
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ARTICLE WASHINGTON QUOTE TIMES DASH HERALD, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DISCLOSED LAIRD BELL, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, STATED ALLEGATIONS OF [REDACTED]
IN THIS TESTIMONY WERE EITHER QUOTE FALSE OR NO LONGER APPLICABLE
UNQUOTE AND BRANDED CHARGES OF [REDACTED] QUOTE IRRESPONSIBLE. UNQUOTE.

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of March 1, 1957

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(Also to testify at UE hearing before SACB.)

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| (3) | <u>Emanuel Blum Membership Case</u>
(Trial tentatively set for March 18, 1957.) | 1 |
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| (4) | <u>John Cyril Hellman Membership Case</u>
(No trial date set.) | 1 |
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(Also to testify at International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB.)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

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| (1) | <u>Council on African Affairs</u>
(Petition dismissed without prejudice to Government September 15, 1955.) | 2 |
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(c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Of America 4
(Petition filed December 20, 1955.)

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1
(Hearing in progress.)

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(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Bruno Maze Case 1
(Trial set for March 26, 1957.)

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- (2) Lee Brown Case 1
(Grand jury will hear March 14, 1957.)

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(e) Espionage Case 1

- (1) United States v. Jack Soble, et al.
(No trial date set.)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES: 24

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES: 20

The Attorney General

February 18, 1957

Director, FBI

'IN AND OUT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WITH THE FBI'

EDITORIAL IN THE 'NEW YORK DAILY NEWS' FEBRUARY 18, 1957

EX-Communists As Witnesses

Attached is a copy of an editorial, "In and Out of the Communist Party with the FBI," which appears in the "New York Daily News" today.

This editorial strongly defends our use of informants and I thought you would be interested in seeing it.

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IN AND OUT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WITH THE FBI

Every once in so often, at a trial of some Communist for spying or for teaching the violent overthrow of the U. S. Government, a surprise witness takes the stand and spills



J. Edgar Hoover

a choice assortment of Red beans, while defense attorneys scream with rage and all Communists who view the incident show unmistakable signs of terror, horror and the vapors.

That is because this type of witness has been to all appearances and for quite some time a practicing Communist, working higher and higher in the party apparatus, but all the while reporting his or her every experience and observation in the party to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover once remarked, his outfit has operatives or informants in the top echelons of the U. S. Communist Party, and on all the lower levels. Also, said Mr. Hoover in effect, "when and if the U. S. Communist Party goes underground, we will go underground with them" and continue to keep tabs on everything the rats do or plan to do.

These activities have made the FBI the American people's greatest single defender against the criminal Communist conspiracy to overturn our system from inside.

Obviously, the FBI, to keep up its indispensable work, must use—

INFORMANTS

—who will pass along information to Hoover's men, and whose names will be kept secret until and unless the FBI unveils them in court.

That is only common sense, and we feel sure that the great majority of Americans approve this use of informants without reservation.

Why, then, the frequent attacks on the use of informants? The attacks usually come from college professors, self-styled "liberals," and a few newspapers. They are generally in the form of loud and righteous-sounding demands that persons fired from government or other jobs as security risks shall have the right to face their accusers and cross-examine them.

Another Red Conspiracy It sounds fair and old-fashioned-American the first time you hear it.

Actually, the great bulk of these attacks and demands are inspired by the domestic Communists. They are voiced chiefly through persons who are either secret Reds or idealistic dupes of the Reds.

In an interesting article on this subject in the current Syracuse University Law Review, Mr. Hoover remarks:

"Simultaneous with their stepped-up campaign of recent years to identify FBI informants who have penetrated their organizations, subversive elements have launched an intensive program of vilification and lies designed to discredit the entire concept of accepting information in confidence. It is no small coincidence that the Communist Party, supported by its 'dupes' and sympathizers, has spearheaded this campaign."

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EXCOMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES, PETER CHAUNT, SM DASH C. REURTEL

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MARCH FOUR LAST. BUFILES REFLECT [REDACTED] POSSIBLY

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IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INS, BUFFALO PREVIOUSLY

FURNISHED COPIES OF PERTINENT REPORTS ON [REDACTED] WHICH INCLUDED

ARRESTS OF [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

AS FOLLOWS [REDACTED] PD, BELLINGHAM,

WASHINGTON, AS [REDACTED] AS COMMUNIST WORKER, FINED

TWENTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY DAYS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR VAGRANCY

BY PD, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, AS [REDACTED] NO DISPOSITION GIVEN.

[REDACTED] PD, BATAVIA, NEW YORK,

ON SUSPICION, AS [REDACTED] ORDERED OUT OF TOWN. [REDACTED]

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FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, RECEIVED ONE YEAR IN JAIL, ABOUT

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EXCOLETTINES AS WITNESSES
PETER CHARNEY
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SEPTIMUS PETERSON, NINETEEN FORTY, FORD WAZER, INDIANA, AS [REDACTED]
AS BRANSTEN, LEFT TOWN. [REDACTED] ADMITTED ARREST NINETEEN
TWENTY NINE, SEATEL, WASHINGTON, AS [REDACTED] FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT
RE LABOR TROUBLE, RECEIVED EIGHT DAYS IN JAIL AND ARREST IN
NINETEEN THIRTY ONE SAME CHARGE AS [REDACTED] AT NIAGARA FALLS,
NEW YORK, RECEIVED THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL, ADMITTED ARREST NINETEEN
THIRTY THREE AS [REDACTED] VERBA, NEW YORK, FOR VAGRANCY, RECEIVED
THIRTY DAYS IN JAIL. BUFILES REFLECT [REDACTED] ADMITTED TO U.S. ARMY
NINETEEN FORTY THREE HE WAS OF MEMBERS NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO
NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN UNDER NAME [REDACTED] AND REPELLED
FROM PARTY FOR ENDORSING REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IN CANANDAIGUA.
BUFILES REFLECT NO SUBSEQUENT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. BUFILES
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REFLECT ONE [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH

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[REDACTED] INFORMATION FROM INS, BUFFALO OCTOBER NINETEEN FORTY
THREE, REFLECTS ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS SELF DASH ADMITTED FORMER MEMBER
YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE DURING [REDACTED] BUFILES DISCLOSE
ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED IN JANUARY NINETEEN FORTY BEING HIS DAD

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BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH CP EIGHTEEN YEARS PRIOR TO NINETEEN FORTY NINE,
BUT HAD DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH CP AFTER LEARNING TEACHINGS
OF CP AND HAD NO SUBSEQUENT CONTACT. BUFILES REFLECT NO OTHER
(100-209879-5; 65-62041-22)
INFORMATION BEARING ON HIS CREDIBILITY. [REDACTED]

POSSIBLY IDENTICAL [REDACTED] RETEL, JOINED CP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED

SEVERAL WEEKS IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BROKE

WITH PARTY NINETEEN THIRTY NINE OVER PARTY CRITICISM OF [REDACTED]

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HEARING OF HARRY BRIDGES APRIL NINETEEN FORTY ONE AND AT HEARING

WASHINGTON STATE UN DASH AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE JULY

NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. BUREAU NEVER INVESTIGATED [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE BUSHMORE FOLLOWS. LOS ANGELES REVIEW

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BEARING ON CREDIBILITY AND FURNISH USA, LOS ANGELES. KEEP

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Chaunt not on SI. Chaunt's SI card cancelled 7-55. He was born in Hungary and naturalized 11-28-40, NYC. Presently resides LA. Denaturalization case re Chaunt is civil matter originally filed in 1953 in Cleveland and venue subsequently changed to LA. Chaunt interviewed on various dates from 5-53 to 10-53 and furnished considerable information re subversive activities of numerous people known to him. He admitted CP membership 1925 to 1934. ~~He~~ was at one time CP organizer. He reportedly joined CP about 1918. He reportedly attended CP functions regularly until 1949 and was in contact with Cleveland CP leaders as recently as 3-49. Information concerning availability of number of Government witnesses previously furnished to INS. Department being advised separately of AUSA, LA'S request mentioned in retel. Additional file review necessary re

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EX- COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES, PETER CHAUNT, WAS., SM-C, OO-L.A.
ON MARCH FOURTH, FIFTY SEVEN, AUSA ARLENE MARTIN ADVISED THE
LOS ANGELES OFFICE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE OF PETER
CHAUNT PAREN DENATURALIZATION UNPAREN, SHE DESIRED CENTRAL
INDICES CHECK RE FOLLOWING PERSONS, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES

The minutes of the above committee dated 3/11/57 have been received and reviewed.

After due consideration it was the recommendation of the committee that [redacted] be cleared to testify.

Regarding the advisability of utilizing [redacted] as a witness the Criminal Division reported that it had no other information to submit regarding him other than the information previously submitted on 2/20/57. This witness had previously been considered by the committee on 1/12/56 and had been given restricted clearance so long as his testimony was essential and corroborated.

The Criminal and Internal Security Divisions and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) have advised the Attorney General that they are unanimous in their recommendation that the committee function be extended to consideration of each witness before testifying where such witness has had a subversive background.

[redacted] former [redacted] was a regularly paid security informant from mid [redacted]. He was changed to confidential source in [redacted] and deleted as a confidential source in [redacted]. He appeared before House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearing New Orleans, Louisiana, 2/15/57 and furnished information regarding CP activities in New Orleans, Louisiana, and San Francisco, California.

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- 1 - 100-373192 [redacted]
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[redacted] was utilized as a confidential informant by the Bureau from [redacted] when he was discontinued because he offered his services as an informant to the Michigan State Police. He was subsequently employed by the Detroit City Loyalty Commission and was used as a Government witness in Detroit Smith Act case. The Detroit Office was instructed to discontinue all contacts with [redacted] but to accept any information which he volunteers. The Department has been furnished complete information concerning [redacted]
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ACTION:

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FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

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The minutes of the above committee dated 3/5/57 have been received and reviewed. After due consideration the committee recommended that [Redacted] not be cleared as a witness in view of his past criminal record and his confinement in a mental institution.

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The committee is reconsidering the advisability of using [Redacted] as a witness and the Criminal Division has been requested to submit additional background information regarding [Redacted]

[Redacted] member of the Communist Party (CP) in the Rochester, New York, area in [Redacted]. He engaged in WPA strike at Phelps, New York, in [Redacted] was arrested for possessing marijuana cigarettes. His criminal record reflects that he has been arrested on numerous occasions for vagrancy and disorderly conduct. He admitted to military authorities that he had been a member of the CP from [Redacted]. Closing report was submitted by the Syracuse Office under date of 5/1/54 regarding [Redacted] IS - C.

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[Redacted] was utilized as a confidential informant by the Bureau from [Redacted] when he was discontinued because he offered his services as an informant to the Michigan State Police. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] and was used as a Government

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

RE: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES

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witness in Detroit Smith Act case. The Detroit Office was instructed to discontinue all contacts with [REDACTED] but to accept any information which he volunteers. The Department has been furnished complete information concerning [REDACTED]. It is to be noted that he advised Agents of the Detroit Office [REDACTED]

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The minutes of the above committee dated 3-15-57 have been reviewed.

In connection with the use of [redacted] as a witness, the committee unanimously determined that he be cleared to testify.

Bufiles reflect [redacted] was born [redacted] and was [redacted] utilized as a confidential source from [redacted]. He was not paid for information furnished. He was a member of the Communist Party [redacted] and rejoined for a period of nine months during [redacted]. He entered a plea of guilty to felonious arson [redacted] and was sentenced [redacted] to serve two and one-half to five years and was released on parol [redacted].

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He appeared as a Government witness in the trial of Clinton E. Jencks, LMRA, 1947, during 1954 in El Paso, Texas, and also appeared as a Government witness before the Federal Grand Jury in Denver, Colorado, on 11-1-54 in connection with the case entitled "Maurice Slater, LMRA, 1947 (Security Matter)."

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 4, 1957, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There are attached hereto charts reflecting similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through April 1, 1957.

Inasmuch as there have been no changes in the figures in categories one and two since March 1, 1957, these categories are not being repeated in the attached enlarged chart.

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cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(With Enclosures - 2)

cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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 - (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 2
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 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 7
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 - (c) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.. 5
 - (d) Labor Management Relations Act Case..... 2
 - (e) Espionage Case..... 1

- 3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
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 - (e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 8

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League (ISL)..... 5
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 - (d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 4

- 5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW
BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED: 9
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 1
 - (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 5
 - (c) Administrative Hearings Re National Lawyers Guild.. 3

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials..... 15
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- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases..... 15
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- (g) Denaturalization Cases..... 2
- (h) Espionage Cases..... 1
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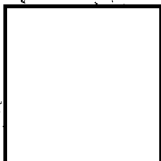
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- 3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES: 32

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial 7
(Prosecution not authorized to date.)



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*Also interviewed for "California Emergency Defense Committee" hearing before SACB.

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, 9 Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing tentatively set for April 8, 1957.)



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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1
(Hearing in progress.)



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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) United Russian-American Committee 1
(Petition being considered.)

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- (2) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights; 2
Connecticut Peace Council
(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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- (3) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered.)

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- (4) Sons of Columbus, Inc. 1
(Petition being considered.)

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- (5) Free Press Discussion Club 1
(Petition being considered.)

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- (d) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow) 1
(Trial tentatively set for April 4, 1957.)

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(e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Bernard Lucas 1
(Prosecution not authorized.)

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- (2) Ise Brown 2
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(3) Jack A. Sheperd
(Prosecution not authorized.)

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4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956)

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(2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Ended April 12, 1956)

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(3) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956.)

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(4) Pittsburgh Retrial
(Date not set for retrial.)

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(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (Hearing concluded July 1956. No decision.)

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(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered.)

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(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

(1) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered.)

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(2) Oregon Committee for Defense of
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(Petition being considered.)

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(3) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Organization inactive.)

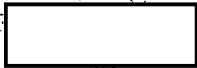
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(4) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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TO : MR. BELMONT *W*

DATE: March 28, 1957

FROM : S. B. DONAHOE *SD*

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH WILLIAM CHANDLER, was.,
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

O EX-Communists As Witnesses

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Mr. Kenneth Shelters and Mr. Maurice A. Roberts of the Criminal Division of the Department contacted me today at 3:30 p. m. They desired to discuss the case regarding the above subject which involves denaturalization proceedings brought against him by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Baltimore, Maryland. Judge Roszel Thomsen is handling this civil proceeding without a jury. The Government is represented by Assistant U. S. Attorney James Langrall.

The Departmental representatives advised that [redacted] former Bureau informant, in her testimony today testified that she had given reports to the FBI regarding Chandler. The defense immediately made a motion for access to these informant reports and the court ordered production of them. At the request of the Assistant U. S. Attorney, court was recessed so that he could take the matter up with the Department. The Judge indicated that these reports should be submitted to him in camera in order that he could determine whether there was any inconsistency between them and the testimony of [redacted]. He indicated that if the reports mentioned other persons or matters not relating to the Chandler matter, he would see that such data was stricken if he decided to give the defense access to the documents. The Departmental representatives indicated that if it is decided that such documents will be given to the Judge, the Government intends to take the position that they reserve the right to withdraw the documents as well as the witness if the Judge decides that he will give the defense access to the documents.

It was pointed out that we would have to check to determine whether such informant reports exist. Mr. Shelters and Mr. Roberts were requested to confirm their request to the Bureau in writing, which they indicated they would do.

I telephonically contacted Supervisor L. W. R. Oberndorf at the Washington Field Office at 4:15 p. m. and instructed that that office submit immediately by airtel three Photostat copies of any reports submitted by

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cc: Belmont
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[redacted] regarding Chandler. Washington Field Office was instructed to examine the data carefully and submit their comments as to whether any information is contained therein which should not be revealed, which would expose any other informants which would jeopardize current Bureau investigations of others or which would embarrass the Bureau in any way if copies were submitted to the Judge in camera, bearing in mind the possibility that the Judge might then allow the defense access to the documents.

ACTION:

Immediately upon receipt of the informant reports we will analyze them and formulate a reply to the Department. We will then furnish copies to the Department pointing out any pitfalls and follow the basic position that the decision as to the introduction of the documents is one for the Department.

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ADDENDUM: (SBD:hmm 3/28/57) Mr. Shelvers called back at 4:45 p. m. and indicated he had talked with the U. S. Attorney in Baltimore who indicated that the scope of the order of the Judge would include any signed statements by [redacted] relating to Chandler, as well as any reports of oral interviews. He interpreted the latter to mean that the Judge would want only those portions of an FBI report reflecting the results of an oral interview. This request for signed statements was relayed to Supervisor Oberndorf to see if we have any and Oberndorf was further instructed that a comparison should be made of any informant reports submitted by [redacted] with the data appearing in the FBI report itself in order that their reply to the Bureau could point out precisely what Bureau reports contain data which was verbally given by [redacted]. We are reviewing all reports here at the Bureau to identify those in which data is reported from [redacted] and when the Washington Field Office information is received it will be carefully studied to determine our position in this matter.

Mr. Shelvers called back a few minutes later and advised that the U. S. Attorney had also indicated that any documents of the Bureau submitted to ~~him~~ in camera, which he decided not to give to the defense, would be sealed as part of the court record for forwarding to the Court of Appeals in the event of appeal.

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Confirming letter from Department received 5:36 p. m. and is attached. This letter indicates U. S. Attorney also desires to see reports on

[Signature]

MEMO TO: BELMONT

RE: JOSEPH WILLIAM CHANDLER, was.

Interviews of three other witnesses who have not yet testified and concerning
the same problem may occur. Files being checked and memo being submitted
on the entire problem.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB 4/3/57*

DATE: April 2, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES*

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SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains two charts, one enlarged, reflecting the status of this matter as of April 1, 1957.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of each chart is also being transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Inasmuch as the figures in categories one and two have not changed since the submission of the charts which reflected the status of this matter as of March 1, 1957, these categories are not being repeated in the enlarged charts.

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ACTION:

Attached, for approval, is a memorandum to the Attorney General, copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, transmitting the charts reflecting the status of this matter as of April 1, 1957.

- Enclosures *sent 4-2-57*
- cc Boardman *LB*
- Belmont *EBR*
- Baumgardner
- Donohue
- Reddy
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(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild...	5
(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
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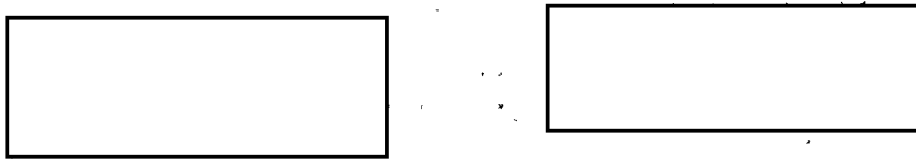
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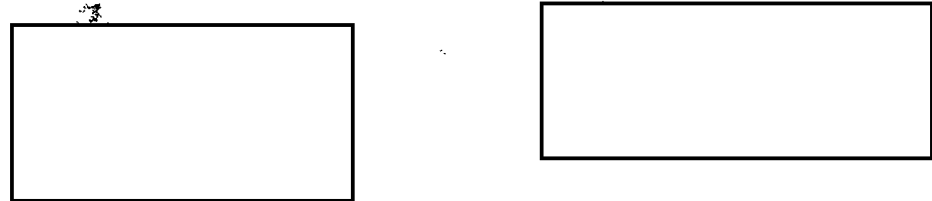


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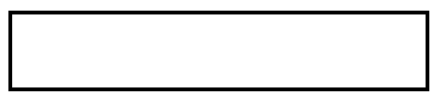
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(Petition being considered.)

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(Petition being considered.)

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- (d) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow) 1
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(e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

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(Prosecution not authorized.)

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(4) Pittsburgh Retrial
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(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *amb*

DATE: April 3, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES

The minutes of the above committee dated 4-1-57 have been reviewed.

Joseph Lowther, Assistant United States Attorney, requested that clearance be given for the use of [redacted] as a witness in the Ben Gold case.

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[redacted] was not cleared by the committee on February 1, 1957. Committee representatives will consult with Messrs. Tompkins and Olney regarding [redacted] clearance following which his clearance will be further considered by the committee.

[redacted] was a member of the Communist Party from [redacted] and was used as a paid Bureau informant from [redacted]. He testified for INS on a number of occasions and before the SACB in September, 1951.

ACTION:

None.

Copies of the above described minutes have been prepared for Bufile 100-55627 [redacted]

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- 1 - Mr. Rose
- 1 - Mr. Reddy

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cc Boardman
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 5, 1957, in which you raised two points in connection with the February, 1957, charts captioned as above.

With reference to the appearance in category three rather than in category four, of current informants [redacted] and [redacted] in the cases entitled "Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights; Connecticut Peace Council," and "Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.," respectively, you refer to your memoranda dated August 3, 1956, and August 8, 1956, in the above cases, in which the Bureau was advised that the release of these informants would not be requested of the Attorney General.

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A review of your memoranda dated August 3, 1956, and August 8, 1956, reveals that both state that the release of the informants would not be requested of the Attorney General "at this time." Because of the inclusion of the phrase "at this time" in these memoranda, and since both of the cases were pending, the Bureau felt that a definite decision had not been reached as to whether or not the Attorney General might be requested, at a later date, to release these two informants. Accordingly, we continued to carry these informants in category three rather than in category four. In view of the statement in your memorandum of April 5, 1957, however, these two informants will be transferred to category four beginning with the May, 1957, charts.

With reference to [redacted] who was interviewed in the case entitled "Connecticut Peace Council," it is noted that your memorandum of December 13, 1956, pointed out that since this organization reportedly had been disbanded, the release of this informant would not be necessary. In view of the comments in your memorandum of December 13, 1956, this informant will, in the future, be carried in category four.

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

With reference to your observations concerning the case entitled "Oregon Committee for the Defense of Constitutional Rights," the Bureau's files reflect the following information. By memorandum dated August 23, 1956, you were advised that arrangements had been made for T-2 [redacted] and either T-1 [redacted] or T-3 [redacted] to be interviewed by a Department attorney. Our Portland Office advised by letter September 11, 1956, that Department Attorney John J. Scott had interviewed T-1 on September 6, 1956, and, following the interview, had stated he did not consider this informant's testimony essential to a successful presentation of this case. Accordingly, in the charts dated October 1, 1956, and in each of the monthly charts thereafter, this informant has been carried in category four. In view of the comment in your memorandum of April 5, 1957, however, this informant will be carried in category three in the May, 1957, charts and will remain there until such time as a definite decision as to his use as a witness is made by the Department.

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Your memorandum of April 5, 1957, states that neither T-2 nor T-1 was available for interview by Department Attorney Scott in September, 1956, due to circumstances beyond the Bureau's control. As indicated in the above paragraph, T-1 was the informant interviewed by Mr. Scott and T-2 and T-3 were the informants who were not available for interview. According to our Portland Office, Mr. Scott advised he would return to Portland "later" to interview T-2 but he made no statement at that time concerning an interview with T-3. Subsequently, on September 12, 1956, Mr. Scott telephonically contacted our Portland Office while en route from Spokane, Washington, to Denver, Colorado, and indicated that in the event it was necessary to interview either T-2 or T-3, the Bureau would be notified. The Bureau has no record in its files of a communication from the Department subsequent to September 12, 1956, indicating that it would be necessary to interview either T-2 or T-3. Although these two informants are still furnishing valuable information to our Portland Office they will be made available for interview in the future at the Department's request.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *Asst*

DATE: April 22, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES

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The minutes of the above committee dated 4-16-57 have been reviewed.

The Internal Security Division advised the committee it was unwilling to make a recommendation regarding the clearance of [redacted] use as a witness has not been considered by the committee.

The committee unanimously determined that John Hladun be "not cleared" for use as a witness.

The committee, upon reconsideration of information regarding [redacted] recommended he not be cleared for use as a Government witness, and the clearance furnished by the committee on 4-3-56 regarding his use as a witness has been withdrawn.

Bufiles reflect [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party (CP) from [redacted] and was used as a paid Bureau informant from [redacted]

[redacted] he was not reactivated as a Bureau informant. He testified for Immigration and Naturalization Service on a number of occasions and before the Subversive Activities Control Board in September, 1951.

Bufiles reflect [redacted] has never been a Bureau informant. He was a CP member in Canada from [redacted] He appeared as a Government witness in the trial of Ben Gold for violation of the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, in 1954 in Washington, D. C.

[redacted] was utilized as a Bureau informant while attending union conventions. As an informant, [redacted] expressed reports

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES
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(written on hotel stationery) to Newark Post Office box in his code name rather than name of Post Office box subscriber. This resulted in reports being delivered to dead letter office where they were opened and returned to the hotel which in turn forwarded them to union headquarters. Union officials made handwriting analysis and identified informant as writer and expelled him from the union. [redacted] did not make a disclosure of his informant status and has in no way embarrassed the Bureau. Following his discontinuance as Bureau informant he was interviewed on several occasions by Departmental attorneys, and consideration was given to his being used as a Government witness.

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ACTION:

None.

Copies of the above-described minutes have been prepared for inclusion in the following Bufiles:

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100-55627 [redacted]
100-381206 [redacted]

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The Attorney General

May 6, 1957

Director, FBI

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

EX-Communists As Witnesses

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 3, 1957, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There are attached hereto charts reflecting similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through May 1, 1957.

Inasmuch as there has been no change in the figures in category one since April 1, 1957, this category is not being repeated in the attached enlarged chart.

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cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
(Enclosures - 2)

cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: May 3, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

Handwritten: 5-6-57
Ex-Communists AS
WITNESSES

SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains two charts, one enlarged, reflecting the status of this matter as of May 1, 1957.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of each chart is also being transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Inasmuch as the figures in category one have not changed since the submission of the charts which reflected the status of this matter as of April 1, 1957, this category is not being repeated in the enlarged charts.

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Attached, for approval, is a memorandum to the Attorney General, copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, transmitting the charts reflecting the status of this matter as of May 1, 1957.

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of May 1, 1957

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES: 48
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 41
 - (b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations..... 4
 - (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 2
 - (d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials..... 1

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS: 14
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 6
 - (b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions. 5
 - (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 2
 - (d) Espionage Case..... 1

3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES: 30
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 9
 - (b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions. 6
 - (c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 3
 - (d) Obstruction of Justice Case..... 1
 - (e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 11

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES: 34
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 6
 - (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist
League (ISL)..... 5
 - (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild. 5
 - (d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 15
 - (e) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions. 3

5. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED: 19
 - (a) Smith Act Trials..... 5
 - (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 5
 - (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild 7
 - (d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 2

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES: 40

- (a) Smith Act Trials..... 13
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 3
- (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 6
- (d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions... 4
- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases..... 14

7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT: 579

- (a) Smith Act Trials..... 71
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 378
- (c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League..... 1
- (d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.. 42
- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases..... 15
- (f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 42
- (g) Denaturalization Cases..... 2
- (h) Espionage Cases..... 1
- (i) Administrative Hearings Re Socialist Union of America 9
- (j) Registration Act Case..... 1
- (k) Federation of Greek Maritime Unions..... 1
- (l) Hugh E. Gordon Bookshop..... 6
- (m) U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan..... 1
- (n) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild... 7
- (o) Administrative Hearing Re United Cultural Association 2

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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of May 1, 1957

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES: 48
2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS: 14

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Juan Trial
(Trial date not set.)

- (2) Boston Trial
(Trial date not set.)

(*Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before SACB. Hearing tentatively set for May 6, 1957.)

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- (3) John Cyril Hellman Trial
(Trial date not set.)

(*Also scheduled to testify at International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB. Hearing in progress.)

- (4) Emanuel Blum Trial
(Trial date not set.)

(*Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before SACB. Hearing tentatively set for May 6, 1957.)

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing tentatively set for May 6, 1957.)

[Redacted]

- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Hearing in progress.)

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(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Bruno Maze Trial
(Trial set for May 14, 1957.)

[Redacted]

- (2) Lee Brown Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(d) Espionage Case

- (1) Jack Sobie Trial
(Trial set for May 22, 1957.) Principal defendants have entered guilty pleas to one count.)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) San Francisco Trial
(Prosecution not authorized to date.)

[Redacted]

(*Also interviewed for "California Emergency Defense Committee" hearing before SACB which began April 23, 1957.)

- (2) Max Morris Weiss Trial
(Trial date not set.)

[Redacted]

- (3) San Juan Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(b) SACB Hearing Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

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- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing tentatively set for May 6, 1957.)

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union
of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Hearing in progress.)

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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Free Press Discussion Club
(Petition being considered.)

[Redacted]

(*Also interviewed in [Redacted] IMRA case.)

- (2) Oregon Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights
(Petition being considered.)

[Redacted]

- (3) Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
(Petition being considered.)

[Redacted]

- (d) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow)
(Trial tentatively set for June 3, 1957.)

[Redacted]

(e) Labor Management Relations Act

- (1) Bernard Lucas
(Prosecution not authorized.)

[Redacted]

- (2) Lee Brown
(Indictment returned March 13, 1957. Trial date not set.)

[Redacted]

- (3) Jack A. Sheperd
(Prosecution not authorized.)

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- (4) Karly Larsen
(Prosecution not authorized.)

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4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial
(Trial ended February 10, 1956.)

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- (2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Trial ended April 12, 1956.)

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- (3) New Haven Trial
(Trial ended March 29, 1956.)

[Redacted]

- (4) Pittsburgh Retrial
(No date set.)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League
(Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.)

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- (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered.)

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- (d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

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- (1) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered.)

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- (2) Community Unitarian Fellowship
(Petition being considered.)

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- (3) Women's Interracial Friendship Club
(Petition being considered.)

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- (4) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Organization inactive)

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- (5) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

[Redacted]

- (6) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights
(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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(7) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

[Redacted]

(8) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

[Redacted]

(9) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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(10) Council on African Affairs
(Petition dismissed.)

[Redacted]

(11) Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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(e) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

(1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing tentatively set for May 6, 1957.)

[Redacted]

(2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Hearing in progress.)

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cc Boardman
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The Attorney General

June 6, 1957

Director, FBI

EX - Communists As Witnesses

**RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
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	(a) Smith Act Trials.....	41	
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	(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2	
	(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....	1	
2.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>		13
	(a) Smith Act Trials.....	6	
	(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..	5	
	(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1	
	(d) Espionage Case.....	1	
3.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		30
	(a) Smith Act Trials.....	9	
	(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..	5	
	(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4	
	(d) Obstruction of Justice Case.....	1	
	(e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	11	
4.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		37
	(a) Smith Act Trials.....	6	
	(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5	
	(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild...	5	
	(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	16	
	(e) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..	4	
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5.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>		19
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- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases..... 15
- (f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 42
- (g) Denaturalization Cases..... 2
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- (j) Registration Act Case..... 1
- (k) Federation of Greek Maritime Unions..... 1
- (l) Hugh E. Gordon Bookshop..... 6
- (m) U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan..... 1
- (n) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild... 8
- (o) Administrative Hearing Re United Cultural Association..... 2
- (p) Honolulu Record Publishing Company..... 3

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(a) Smith Act Trials

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- (2) Boston Trial
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(*Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before SACB. Hearing in progress.)

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- (4) Emanuel Blum Trial
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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing in progress.)



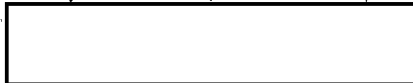
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(Hearing in progress.)



(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

- (1) Lee Brown Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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- (1) Jack Sobde Trial
(Sentences will be imposed on one count of indictment June 28, 1957. Five counts still outstanding.)

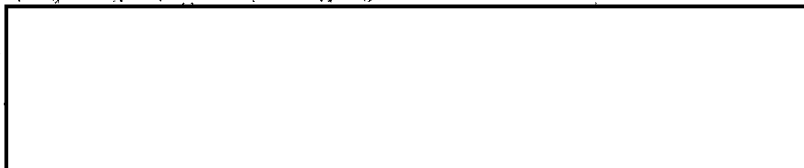


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(Prosecution not authorized to date.)



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(*Also interviewed for "California Emergency Defense Committee" hearing before SACB which began April 23, 1957, and concluded May 6, 1957.)

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- (2) Max Morris Weiss Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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- (3) San Juan Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical,
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(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Free Press Discussion Club
(Petition being considered.)

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(*Also interviewed in Karly Larsen EMRA case.)

- (2) Oregon Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights
(Petition being considered.)

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- (3) Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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- (4) Committee for Defense of Arthur Thomas
(Petition being considered.)

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- (d) Obstruction of Justice (Martin Solow)
(Trial tentatively set for June 3, 1957.)

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- (e) Labor Management Relations Act

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(Prosecution not authorized.)

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- (3) Jack A. Shepherd
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(Trial ended April 12, 1956.)

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- (3) New Haven Trial
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- (4) Pittsburgh Retrial
(No date set.)

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- (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League
(Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.)

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(Organization inactive.)

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(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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- (8) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

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- (10) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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- (11) Council on African Affairs
(Petition dismissed.)

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- (12) Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
(Petition being considered.)

[Redacted]

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- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing in progress.)

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
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(f) Labor Management Relations Act Case

- (1) Bruno Maze
(Entered guilty plea May 13, 1957.)



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS
BOARDMAN
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During the Attorney General's Staff Conference at Camp David, Maryland, on May 24 and 25, Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, of the Internal Security Division, referred to the fact that he had set up a committee of three to consider the credibility of communist witnesses. He has established an index and all derogatory information pertaining to former communists who have been used to provide testimony has been placed in one file with regard to the particular individual. The committee is composed of a representative of the Internal Security Division, one from Immigration and Naturalization Service and one from the Criminal Division. The United States Attorneys are under instructions to check with this committee before using a former communist as a witness in any Departmental case.

Sincerely yours,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 5, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

EX-COMMUNISTS as Witnesses

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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains two charts, one enlarged, reflecting the status of this matter as of June 1, 1957.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of each chart is also being transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Inasmuch as the figures in category one have not changed since the submission of the charts which reflected the status of this matter as of May 1, 1957, this category is not being repeated in the enlarged charts.

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ACTION:

Attached, for approval, is a memorandum to the Attorney General, copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, transmitting the charts reflecting the status of this matter as of June 1, 1957.

Enclosures
cc Boardman
Belmont
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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of June 1, 1957

1.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>	48
	(a) Smith Act Trials.....	41
	(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4
	(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2
	(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trials.....	1
2.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>	13
	(a) Smith Act Trials.....	6
	(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..	5
	(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1
	(d) Espionage Case.....	1
3.	<u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>	30
	(a) Smith Act Trials.....	9
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	(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild...	5
	(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	16
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	(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1
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(Trial date not set.)

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- (2) Boston Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(*Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before SACB. Hearing in progress.)

- (3) John Cyril Hellman Trial
(Trial date not set.)

[Redacted]

(*Also scheduled to testify at International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers hearing before SACB. Hearing in progress.)

- (4) Emanuel Blum Trial
(Trial date not set.)

[Redacted]

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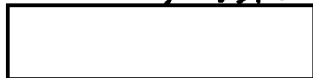
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(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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(Petition being considered.)

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(f) Labor Management Relations Act Case

- (1) Bruno Maze
(Entered guilty plea May 13, 1957.)



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *albm 6-21-57*

DATE: June 21, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES

- Tolson _____
- Nichols _____
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The minutes of the above committee dated June 17, 1957, have been reviewed.

The committee unanimously determined that [redacted] be "cleared" for use as a witness by the Internal Security Division.

Bufiles reflect [redacted] utilized as Bureau informant [redacted] when he was utilized as Government witness in Cleveland Smith Act trial.

ACTION:

None.

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A copy of the above-described minutes has been prepared for inclusion in Bufile 65-1594 [redacted].

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - Mr. Baumgardner
 - Mr. Bibler
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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB 6/6/57*

DATE: June 5, 1957

FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

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SUBJECT: SUPREME COURT DECISION IN JENCKS CASE
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION)

The Communist Party, USA, is quick to turn to its advantage the recent United States Supreme Court decision as reflected in an editorial entitled "A Blow At Perjury," featured in the June 5, 1957, issue of the Daily Worker.

Citing the decision by the Supreme Court on June 3, 1957, in the Jencks case, the editorial pounces on the Department of Justice and the FBI, stating the decision reflects "...the great popular revulsion against the notorious informer-witness system used by the Justice Department and J. Edgar Hoover's FBI...."

In commenting upon the contemplated action to be taken by the Bureau relative to this decision, it states, "J. Edgar Hoover is organizing a counter-attack through his high-powered FBI publicity machine, newspaper and congressional friends. He well knows that if his informers can be cross-examined on their written reports, their tailor-made testimony will be discovered to be woven of shoddy frameup thread." Further, "They have a vested interest in the witch-hunt and the great anti-labor trusts behind them have an even deeper interest."

The editorial concludes by urging the people to press forward and demand the end of the "witch-hunt." We can now expect widespread communist press articles relating to the Supreme Court decision using it to obtain other communist goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

- MAL:mjh
- (6)
- 1 - Section tickler
- 1 - H. O. Bly
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - M. A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Nichols

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

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(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

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(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

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(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of [Redacted]

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- (9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)

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- (10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)

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- (11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4

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- (12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2

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- (13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2

[Redacted]

- (14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(Ended March 7, 1956)

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- (15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial 3
(Ended April 12, 1956)

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(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

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- (1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

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- (2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended April 28, 1954) 1

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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband.

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(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1
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(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956) 1
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(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Huoman Case 2
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(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial 1
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)
[Redacted]

(e) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1
(Hearing in progress)
[Redacted]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS: 10

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial
(Trial date not set.)
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(2) Boston Trial
(Trial date not set.)
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(*Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before SACB. Hearing in progress.)

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- (3) Emanuel Blum Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before SACB. Hearing in progress.)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing in progress.)

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Hearing in progress.)

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(c) Labor Management Relations Act Case

- (1) Lee Brown Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(d) Espionage Case

- (1) Jack Soble Trial
(Sentences will be imposed on one count of indictment July 29, 1957. Five counts still outstanding.)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES: 30

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES: 39

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial
(Trial ended February 10, 1956.)

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- (2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Trial ended April 12, 1956.)

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- (3) New Haven Trial
(Trial ended March 29, 1956.)

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- (4) Pittsburgh Retrial
(No date set.)

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- (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League
(Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.)

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- (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered.)

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- (d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered.)

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- (2) Community Unitarian Fellowship
(Petition being considered.)

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- (3) Women's Interracial Friendship Club
(Organization inactive.)

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- (4) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Organization inactive.)

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- (5) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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- (6) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights
(Hearing completed June 19, 1957.)

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- (7) International Book Store, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

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- (8) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

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- (9) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

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- (10) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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- (11) Council on African Affairs
(Petition dismissed.)

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- (12) Political Prisoner's Welfare Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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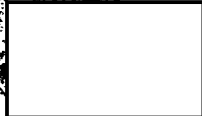
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(e) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing in progress.)



- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Hearing in progress.)



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(f) Labor Management Reliability List Case

- (1) Bruno Maze
(Entered guilty plea by 11/13, 1957.
Not as yet sentenced.)



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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: June 28, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Newspaper Disbursements for June, 1957

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W. Post and T. Her.	(D- 50:)	50 @ .05	2.50	
	(S- 5:ES- 1)	6 @ .20	1.20	3.70
Wash. Star	(D- 90:ED- 4)	94 @ .05	4.70	
	(S- 5:ES- 4)	9 @ .20	1.80	6.50
Wash. News	(D- 50:ED- 8)	58 @ .05	2.90	2.90
N. Y. Mirror	(D- 50:ED-15)	65 @ .05	3.25	
	(S- 5:ES- 1)	6 @ .15	.90	4.15
N. Y. News	(D- 50:ED- 7)	57 @ .05	2.85	
	(S- 5:)	5 @ .10	.50	3.35
N. Y. Her. Tribune	(D- 50:ED- 7)	57 @ .05	2.85	
	(S- 5:ES-1)	6 @ .25	1.50	4.35
N. Y. Journal Amer.	(D- 40:ED 6)	46 @ .12	5.52	
	(D- 5:)	5 @ .10	.50	
	(S- 5:ES 1)	6 @ .25	1.50	7.52
N. Y. Times	(D- 13:)	13 @ .05	.65	
	(S- 5:ES-1)	6 @ .35	2.10	2.75
Chicago Trib.	(D- 3:)	3 @ .10	.30	.30
Baltimore Sun	(D- 2:)	2 @ .07	.14	.14
Richmond Times	(D- 7:)	7 @ .10	.70	.70
N. Y. World Tele.	(D- 6:)	6 @ .10	.60	.60
Phil. Inquirer	(D- 3:)	3 @ .10	.30	.30
Boston Globe	(D- 2:)	2 @ .07	.14	.14
New York Post	(D- 3:)	3 @ .12	.36	.36

Total spent for newspaper during June, 1957

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4 @.15	.60
6 @.20	1.20
9 @.25	2.25
2 @.70	1.40
1 @1.25	1.25
Tax	.23

Total spent for magazines and books during June, 1957 6.93

Money on hand as of June 1, 1957	4.80
Money received during June, 1957	60.00
	<u>64.80</u>

Money spent during June	44.79
Money on hand as of July 1, 1957	<u>20.01</u>

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: July 3, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

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Attached hereto is the running memorandum, prepared at the Director's instructions, reflecting the use of current confidential informants in security prosecutions. Instant memorandum contains two charts, one enlarged, reflecting the status of this matter as of July 1, 1957.

The various categories in the memorandum have been broken down as to the various types of cases involved, such as Smith Act trials, Subversive Activities Control Board hearings, Labor Management Relations Act cases, et cetera.

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, a copy of each chart is also being transmitted to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins. Inasmuch as the figures in category three have not changed since the submission of the charts which reflected the status of this matter as of June 1, 1957, this category is not being repeated in the enlarged charts.

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ACTION:

Attached, for approval, is a memorandum to the Attorney General, copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins, transmitting the charts reflecting the status of this matter as of July 1, 1957.

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- cc Boardman
- Belmont
- Baumgardner
- Donohue
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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of July 1, 1957

1. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:</u>		49
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	41	
(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4	
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2	
(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial.....	1	
(e) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	1	
2. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS:</u>		10
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	6	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	2	
(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1	
(d) Espionage Case.....	1	
3. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		30
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	9	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	5	
(c) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4	
(d) Obstruction of Justice Case.....	1	
(e) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	11	
4. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES:</u>		39
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	6	
(b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League (ISL).....	5	
(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild.....	5	
(d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	16	
(e) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions.....	6	
(f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	1	
5. <u>CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BUT DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED:</u>		19
(a) Smith Act Trials.....	6	
(b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations.....	4	
(c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild.....	7	
(d) Labor Management Relations Act Cases.....	2	

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6. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND VALUE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION AS TO INTERVIEW AND POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials..... 13
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 3
- (c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 6
- (d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..... 4
- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases..... 19

7. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS WHOSE AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE USE AS WITNESSES HAS BEEN INQUIRED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT:

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- (a) Smith Act Trials..... 71
- (b) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations..... 378
- (c) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League..... 1
- (d) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions..... 42
- (e) Fraud Against the Government Cases..... 15
- (f) Labor Management Relations Act Cases..... 42
- (g) Denaturalization Cases..... 2
- (h) Espionage Case..... 1
- (i) Administrative Hearings Re Socialist Union of America..... 9
- (j) Registration Act Case..... 1
- (k) Federation of Greek Maritime Unions..... 1
- (l) Hugh E. Gordon Bookshop..... 6
- (m) U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan..... 1
- (n) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild..... 8
- (o) Administrative Hearing Re United Cultural Association..... 2
- (p) Honolulu Record Publishing Company..... 3

Identities Given 147
 Inquiries Pending 628
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RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Figures apply as of July 1, 1957

1. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS EXPOSED AS WITNESSES:

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(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) First New York Trial (Ended October 14, 1949) 6

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(2) Baltimore Trial (Ended April 1, 1952) 1

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(3) Los Angeles Trial (Ended August 5, 1952) 4

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(4) Pittsburgh Trial (Ended August 20, 1953) 3

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(5) Seattle Trial (Ended October 10, 1953) 4

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(6) Philadelphia Trial (Ended August 13, 1954) 2

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(7) St. Louis Trial (Ended May 28, 1954) 3

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(8) Detroit Trial (Ended February 17, 1954) 3

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*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband,

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(9) Claude Lightfoot Membership Trial 2
(Ended January 26, 1955)

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(10) Junius Scales Membership Trial 1
(Ended April 21, 1955)

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(11) Denver Trial (Ended May 25, 1955) 4

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(12) Cleveland Trial (Ended February 10, 1956) 2

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(13) New Haven Trial (Ended March 29, 1956) 2

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(14) Albert Blumberg Membership Trial 1
(Ended March 7, 1956)

[Redacted]

(15) John Francis Noto Membership Trial 3
(Ended April 12, 1956)

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(b) Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) Hearings
Re Front Organizations

(1) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship 1
(Hearing ended December 6, 1954)

[Redacted]

(2) Labor Youth League (Hearing ended 1
April 28, 1954)

[Redacted]

*Did not testify. Exposed through testimony of husband.

(3) Civil Rights Congress (Hearing ended July 5, 1955) 1

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(4) American Peace Crusade (Hearing ended April 11, 1956) 1

[Redacted]

(c) Labor Management Relations Act Cases

(1) Everett Melvin Hupman Case 2

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(d) Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico Trial 1
(Trial ended October 12, 1954)

[Redacted]

(e) Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers 1
(Hearing in progress)

[Redacted]

2. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AND DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THEY WOULD BE USED AS WITNESSES AT SCHEDULED TRIALS AND HEARINGS: 10

(a) Smith Act Trials

(1) San Juan Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(2) Boston Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(*Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before SACB. Hearing in progress.)

- (3) Emanuel Blum Trial
(Trial date not set.)

[REDACTED]

(*Also scheduled to testify at United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America hearing before
SACB. Hearing in progress.)

(b) SACB Hearings Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America
(Hearing in progress.)

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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International
Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers
(Hearing in progress.)

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(c) Labor Management Relations Act Case

- (1) Lee Brown Trial
(Trial date not set.)

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(d) Espionage Case

- (1) Jack Soble Trial
(Sentences will be imposed on one count of indictment
July 29, 1957. Five counts still outstanding.)

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3. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE
DEFINITELY USED AS WITNESSES: 30

4. CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS INTERVIEWED BY DEPARTMENTAL
ATTORNEYS, BUT WHO WILL NOT BE USED AS WITNESSES: 39

(a) Smith Act Trials

- (1) Cleveland Trial
(Trial ended February 10, 1956.)

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- (2) John Noto Membership Trial
(Trial ended April 12, 1956.)

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- (3) New Haven Trial
(Trial ended March 29, 1956.)

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- (4) Pittsburgh Retrial
(No date set.)

[Redacted]

- (b) Administrative Hearing Re Independent Socialist League
(Hearing concluded July, 1956. No decision.)

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- (c) Administrative Hearing Re National Lawyers Guild
(Petition being considered.)

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- (d) SACB Hearings Re Front Organizations

- (1) Palo Alto Peace Club
(Petition being considered.)

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- (2) Community Unitarian Fellowship
(Petition being considered.)

[Redacted]

- (3) Women's Interracial Friendship Club
(Organization inactive.)

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- (4) Philadelphia Women for Peace
(Organization inactive.)

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- (5) Save Our Sons Committee
(Petition filed August 9, 1956.)

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- (6) Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights
(Hearing completed June 19, 1957.)

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- (7) International Book Store, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

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- (8) Yiddisher Kultur Farband, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

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- (9) Sons of Columbus, Inc.
(Petition being considered.)

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- (10) United Russian-American Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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- (11) Council on African Affairs
(Petition dismissed.)

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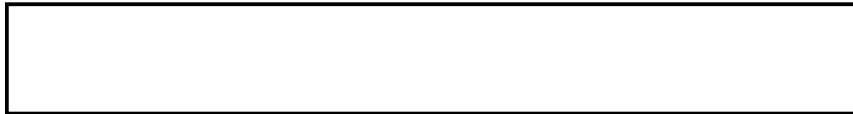
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- (12) Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
(Petition being considered.)

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(e) SACB Hearing Re Communist-dominated Labor Unions

- (1) Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical,
Radio and Machine Workers of America
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- (2) Communist Infiltration of the International
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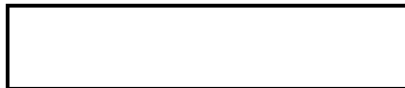


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(f) Labor Management Relations Act Case

- (1) Bruno Maze
(Entered guilty plea May 13, 1957.
Not as yet sentenced.)



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The Attorney General

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~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES~~

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 5, 1957, attaching a chart which reflected the number of current confidential informants already exposed through testimony at various security trials and hearings as well as the categories into which additional current informants may be placed in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

There are attached hereto charts reflecting similar information representing inquiries and requests submitted by the Internal Security Division of the Department and replied to by the Bureau through July 1, 1957.

Inasmuch as there has been no change in the figures in category three since June 1, 1957, this category is not being reported in the attached enlarged chart.

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cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General
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cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins
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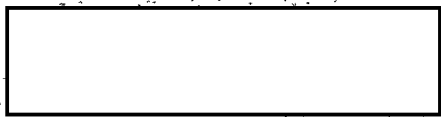
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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 TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-418105)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO
 SUBJECT: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

DATE: July 10, 1957

Re Los Angeles letter dated 6/28/57, captioned as above.

The Los Angeles Office in relet advised that the United States Attorney, Southern District of California, had requested that a central indices check be made concerning a denaturalization proceeding based on Communist Party affiliation in the case U. S. vs JAMES ERNEST TOBACK, et al, Civil No. 19151-WB, on certain persons who were former Communists.



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The indices of the Chicago Office were checked and no information was found concerning this individual which has not previously been furnished to the Bureau.

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- 1 - Los Angeles (100-53645) (Registered)
- 1 - Chicago 62-4545

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The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 5, 1957, captioned as above to which was attached a chart reflecting the status of this matter as of July 1, 1957.

During the month of July, 1957, there have been no changes in the figures as set forth in the afore-mentioned chart and, therefore, a new chart has not been prepared as of August 1, 1957. In the event the figures change during the month of August, 1957, a new chart will be prepared, a copy of which will be forwarded to you, to reflect current figures as of September 1, 1957.

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Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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July 15, 1957

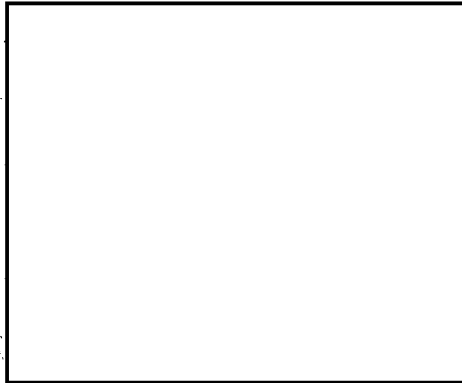
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Information has been received from our Los Angeles Office that denaturalization proceedings presently are pending in Los Angeles, California, against the subject. The United States Attorney's office at Los Angeles, California, has requested that a central indices check be made on the following former communists:



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Inasmuch as the above-mentioned three individuals are former Communist Party (CP) members, brief background information together with information which may adversely reflect upon their credibility, as contained in the files of this Bureau, is set out below. This information is being made available to the United States Attorney's office at Los Angeles, California.

An additional check is being made of our Chicago and San Diego Offices concerning these individuals. Any additional derogatory information concerning them in the files of these offices will be furnished to you and the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, California, promptly upon receipt.

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- 2cc - Chicago (See note page 4.)
- 4cc - Los Angeles (See note page 4.) (Enclosures - 2)
- 2cc - San Diego (See note page 4.)
- 1cc - 100-418105 (Ex-Communists As Witnesses)
- cc - 100-409807 [redacted]
- cc - 100-11480 [redacted]

YELLOW: Subject in the security index.

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In 1949, [Redacted] advised that she was born [Redacted]. She stated that she had been married on three occasions, noting that she divorced her first husband, her second husband died and she was separated from her third husband for a number of years. She reportedly joined the CP in [Redacted] and remained in the CP as a member until approximately [Redacted] at which time she resigned. [Redacted] was a confidential informant of this Bureau for a period of [Redacted]

[Redacted] while in San Francisco, California, on [Redacted] in connection with a case of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, contacted the San Francisco Office of the FBI. She stated that the primary reason for contacting the San Francisco Office was that she was planning to travel to Los Angeles on a personal matter and she desired the San Francisco Office to obtain a Federal subpoena for her travel to Los Angeles. She was advised that the FBI has nothing to do with the issuance of subpoenas.

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[Redacted] also known as [Redacted]

[Redacted] testified as a Government witness in public session before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on April 10, 1954, at San Diego, California. He stated that he was born on [Redacted]

[Redacted] He testified that he joined the CP in [Redacted] and left it in [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Assistant Attorney General William P. Tompkins

[redacted] arrested by the San Diego, California, Police Department on [redacted] for suspicion of felony and was released on the same date. She was [redacted] by the same police department on [redacted] [redacted] charged with fornication and cleared on the same date by order of the court.

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The files of the Identification Division of the FBI under FBI Number [redacted] contain an identification record for [redacted] a copy of which is enclosed. In addition to the arrests appearing on this identification record, the following is a record of arrests by the San Diego, California, Police Department as of 1949:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
[redacted]	Passing out handbills	
	Disturbing peace	Dismissed
	City Ordinance 007	
	Passing out handbills	
	Disorderly conduct	
	Traffic violation	One day
	Disorderly conduct	

Security reports concerning [redacted] have been previously furnished to the Department.

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[redacted] on reportedly was born [redacted] he reportedly was a member of the 73th Assembly District of the San Diego, California, section of the CP. He allegedly attended CP meetings in [redacted]

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The files of the Identification Division of the FBI under FBI Number [redacted] contain an identification record for [redacted] a copy of which is enclosed. A security report concerning [redacted] previously was furnished to the Department.

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: SACs, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO

Enclosed for the Los Angeles Office are two identification records, one of which is for [redacted] and the other for [redacted]. Los Angeles should immediately furnish pertinent information regarding the prospective witnesses to the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, California.

Chicago should check its files for any derogatory information which would adversely reflect upon the credibility of [redacted]. San Diego should do likewise regarding [redacted] and [redacted]. Such information should be immediately furnished to the Bureau and Los Angeles Office for transmittal to the Department and the United States Attorney, Los Angeles, respectively.

Chicago and San Diego refer to Los Angeles letter dated June 28, 1957, captioned "Ex-Communists As Witnesses."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: August 2, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: *EX-Communists as Witnesses*
RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

During the month of July, 1957, there have been no requests from the Department regarding current confidential informants for use as witnesses in security cases which would change the monthly chart submitted on this matter.

In connection with the Los Angeles Smith Act retrial, the Department did indicate that current informant [redacted] would be a necessary witness. The Department has been advised that in view of the type of information currently being furnished and the status of the informant in the Communist Party, the Bureau feels her release as a witness at this time would be highly undesirable. [redacted] was, however, the subject of a prior inquiry from the Department in connection with the Subversive Activities Control Board hearing on the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The informant was interviewed by Departmental attorneys in connection with that hearing and they decided she would not be used as a witness. The chart reflects this fact. There appears to be no reason to change the chart as a result of the Department's inquiry in connection with the Los Angeles retrial.

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Inasmuch as there are no changes to be made in the chart, it is not believed a chart need be prepared to reflect the status of this matter as of 8-1-57. The Attorney General will be advised accordingly.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General advising that a new chart is not being prepared as of 8-1-57 since there have been no changes in the chart which was prepared as of 7-1-57.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *amb*

DATE: August 5, 1957

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO *js*

cc Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: INFORMANTS USED AS WITNESSES
IN SECURITY CASES

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Mario Noto of Immigration and Naturalization called today and advised that he had reviewed the Department's memorandum of July 26, 1957, concerning the problem of the use of former Bureau informants in other proceedings. He noted that the Internal Security Division of the Department had indicated that it would be desirable for the I&NS and other agencies to check testimony contemplated by former FBI informants with the FBI in order to insure its accuracy.

Noto said he was in very definite agreement with the suggestion from the Internal Security Division and he wanted the Bureau to know that he was issuing instructions to the field in this connection and read the instructions over the phone. The instructions require that wherever a local office of I&NS contemplates the use of a former FBI informant in any type of hearing, a summary of the anticipated testimony is to be furnished to the local FBI office with the understanding that that testimony will be checked against information previously furnished to the FBI by the informant.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 27, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON SECURITY WITNESSES

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The Committee met on August 16, 1957, and copy of the minutes furnished to the Bureau have been reviewed.

1. The meeting was called for consideration of [redacted] who had been cleared for use as a witness on June 17, 1957. The Internal Security Division of the Department furnished to the committee a handwritten copy of a purported autobiography written by [redacted] the contents of which were salacious and lurid and of such a nature as to indicate the undesirability of the use of Wright to testify. The committee decided to withdraw its clearance and withdraw [redacted] from any future use. This autobiography has been the subject of previous memoranda wherein it was noted that [redacted] furnished approximately 100 pages of notes to [redacted] who then prepared a manuscript of approximately 700 pages which was obscene. The material eventually found its way into the hands of the defense in the SACB case against the Committee to End Sedition Laws, as a result of which the Government moved to strike [redacted] testimony in that case.

2. The committee considered an exchange of correspondence between the FBI and the Internal Security Division concerning a proposal that prior to the use of an informant for testimony his contemplated testimony be checked with the appropriate FBI field office to determine whether it is consistent with information previously furnished by informant to the Bureau. The chairman of the committee advised that INS had revised its operating instructions in the field to conform with the FBI's suggestion and the committee

Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Central Research
- 1 - Mr. Bibler
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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
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decided to adopt the suggestion and send a letter to all United States Attorneys. This situation arose from the Bureau's suggestion that repeated use of informants poses problems in that discrepancies tend to creep into the record and witnesses rely on memory concerning prior associates and events. Risk of discrepancies increases in direct proportion to the number of times an informant testifies. Appropriate instructions issued to the field in SAC Letter No. 57-46 dated 8/13/57.

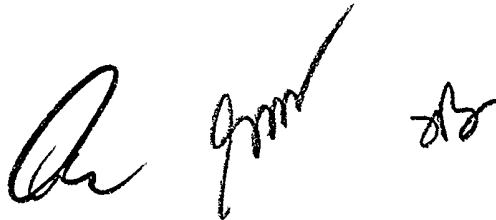
ACTION:

None.



A copy of the above-described minutes has been prepared for inclusion in Bufile 65-1594

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(M) SECURITY INFORMANTS USED AS WITNESSES IN SECURITY CASES -- When once exposed, Bureau informants have been used repeatedly as witnesses at numerous security trials and hearings. The Bureau recently suggested to the Department that as a means of implementing control of the use of former informants as witnesses, any agency contemplating using them should contact the appropriate Bureau field office to ascertain whether the contemplated testimony is consistent with the information previously furnished to the Bureau by the informant. The Internal Security Division of the Department has advised that this suggestion meets with departmental approval and has stated that the Criminal Division and the Immigration and Naturalization Service are being advised of this position.

In view of the likelihood that your office will be contacted at some time in the future by a representative of Immigration and Naturalization Service or some other agency in the executive branch of the Government with a request that anticipated testimony of a former informant be checked against information previously furnished to the Bureau by the informant, the following instructions are set forth:

(1) Ascertain the exact testimony expected of the informant-witness by the inquiring agency.

(2) Review the informant's written reports furnished to the Bureau or memoranda prepared on the basis of oral reports made to a Bureau Agent for the purpose of determining whether discrepancies or misstatements exist between the anticipated testimony and the information in your files.

(3) Furnish the results of your review to the inquiring agency specifically pointing out, in detail, any discrepancies or misstatements which have been noted.

(4) Advise the Bureau promptly of the receipt of any such requests and the results of your file review based on the request.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: August 1, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: INFORMANTS USED AS WITNESSES
IN SECURITY CASES

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Experience has proven Bureau informants, once exposed through testimony at a trial or hearing, are frequently called upon for testimony at additional trials, hearings and before congressional committees and for signed statements in Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) cases. Such repeated use of informants poses problems in that discrepancies tend to creep into the record when witnesses rely solely on memory concerning prior associates and events. Risk of discrepancies increases in direct proportion to number of times informant testifies. Inaccuracies or misstatements reflect unfavorably, not only on the informant, but on Government's entire program of using informants as witnesses. This problem pointed out to Department by memorandum May 8, 1957, and suggestion made that Department carefully consider desirability of repeated use of informants as witnesses and, as one means of controlling problem, that whenever an agency of executive branch of Government contemplates utilizing informant as witness, it would be desirable for that agency to check with appropriate Bureau field office to ascertain whether contemplated testimony is consistent with information previously furnished by the informant to the Bureau.

By attached memorandum dated July 26, 1957, Department advises this problem of grave concern to Internal Security Division. Mechanics of control are under study by Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses and proposed methods of control are expected to be brought up at an early meeting of the committee. Departmental approval given to Bureau suggestion that agency contemplating use of informant as witness check with Bureau field office to ascertain consistency of anticipated testimony. Department states Criminal Division and INS being advised.

OBSERVATIONS:

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In view of Departmental approval of Bureau suggestion it is likely that field offices will receive inquiries from Departmental attorneys and INS. When such requests are received field offices should ascertain exact testimony expected of witnesses and then review informant's written reports and/or oral reports reduced to writing to determine whether discrepancies exist.

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Enclosures *sent 8-6-57*

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RE: INFORMANTS USED AS WITNESSES
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The inquiring agency will be advised of the results of this review and any discrepancies noted will be pointed out to the agency. Field offices will be instructed to advise the Bureau of any such requests received and of the results of the review which is made as a result of the request.

ACTION:

In order to alert the field and to provide appropriate instructions to the field in this matter, there is attached for approval a letter to all Special Agents in Charge.

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Reference is made to my letter dated
July 15, 1957, concerning the captioned individual.

Enclosed is a memorandum dated August 1,
1957, at San Diego, California, which contains
additional information concerning Donald R. Stevenson.
This information is being made available to the
United States Attorney's office at Los Angeles,
California.

Enclosure

Note: Subject in Security Index. Denaturalization
proceeding pending against him at Los Angeles.
Donald R. Stevenson is one of the individuals on whom
U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles, requests central indices
check. All pertinent deoratory information in Bureau files
concerning these individuals furnished by relet to Department
and made available to U. S. Attorney, Los Angeles.

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- 1 - Bufile 100-418105 (Ex-Communists as Witnesses)

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September 6, 1957

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

**RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES**

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 5, 1957, captioned as above, to which was attached a chart reflecting the number of informants exposed through testimony at security trials and hearings as well as additional informants considered by the Department for testimony in connection with pending and proposed security trials and hearings.

During the months of July and August, 1957, there have been no changes in the figures as set forth in the chart dated July 5, 1957.

The Bureau is discontinuing the preparation of monthly charts in this matter.

cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *WCA*

DATE: September 5, 1957 *WCA*

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

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SUBJECT: ~~RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS~~
FOR TESTIMONY IN SECURITY CASES

EX-Communists As Witnesses

Since October, 1955, pursuant to the Director's instructions, we have been preparing and sending to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins monthly charts reflecting the number of active informants exposed as witnesses in security cases, the number made available for interview by Department attorneys, the number interviewed, and the number of inquiries received from the Department concerning the availability of informants. The charts reflected the extent of the requests made by the Department for active informants and the serious effect of the exposure of informants as witnesses on our security coverage.

During the past 16 months only one active informant has been exposed as a witness in security trials or hearings. Since July 1, 1957, there have been no changes of any kind in the chart. It appears that the preparation of a chart each month no longer serves any useful purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, we will no longer prepare monthly charts in this matter. There is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Rogers so advising.

WCA *AB* *WCA* *WCA* ✓ *WCA*

- Enclosure *sent 9-6-57*
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
 - Mr. Belmont
 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
 - Mr. Baumgardner
 - Mr. Donohue
 - Mr. Reddy

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB*

DATE: January 2, 1958

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS TO TESTIFY IN SECURITY CASES

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SUMMARY

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Problem:

Should congressional committee inquire into Internal Security Division's (ISD) reasons for dropping security prosecutions, or ISD's failure to initiate new security prosecutions or hearings before Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) ISD may attempt to justify its position on basis that FBI would not make its informants available as witnesses. In this connection, on 10-18-57, during Attorney General's (AG) discussion with the Director concerning Los Angeles Smith Act retrial, AG asked if the Director thought there might be a congressional investigation of the Department if he, the AG, decided not to proceed with the retrial. Director stated he did not believe there was any probability of such an investigation based on such a decision. Director stated that should the issue be raised, the AG could very properly state that after careful study and consideration, it was found that certain sources of information necessary for successful prosecution could not be used in view of other responsibilities which the Department carries for having adequate coverage of the internal security field.

Facts:

With respect to availability of current informants to testify in court and before the SACB, Bureau has utilized following policy:

(1) Smith Act Cases - With the exception of Bureau's four top informants, CG 5824-S, [redacted] NY 694-S and [redacted] and with the exception of informants operating outside country, decision as to utilization of current informants as witnesses in these cases has always been left to Department. In 14 conspiracy and 4 membership

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EX-20 COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
RE: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANTS TO TESTIFY IN SECURITY CASES

trials under this act, resulting in 108 original convictions, the Bureau lost the services of 41 valuable current informants.

(2) Communist Front Organization Cases - Following the enactment of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (ISA 50) on 9-23-50 the Director conferred with the AG on 9-27-50. A decision was reached that the identities of valuable confidential informants of the Bureau not be disclosed in summary reports prepared on communist front organizations. Accordingly, from November, 1950, to June, 1955, the general policy followed by the Bureau in these cases was to advise the Department that current informants were not available for interview or testimony. Exceptions were made in three cases, in each of which a current informant was released to testify. Between June, 1955, and August, 1957, the decision as to utilization of current informants as witnesses (with exception of top four informants and informants operating outside country) was left to AG. This change in policy resulted from the AG's conference with the Director at Quantico in June, 1955. Since August, 1957, general policy in cases where petitions have not been filed has been that Department will not normally desire to utilize current informants but that if a situation arises in such a case where a current informant appears to be essential AG will resolve problem (this policy stated in AG's memorandum 9-6-57). In 13 communist front organization cases presented to the SACB, the Bureau has lost the services of four current informants.

(3) Communist Infiltration of Labor Union Cases - These cases are presented to the SACB under the Communist Control Act of 1954 (CCA 54) which was enacted in August, 1954. Policy followed between August, 1954, and June, 1955, was to advise Department current informants not available for interview or testimony. Between June, 1955, and August, 1957, decision as to utilization of current informants other than top four informants and informants operating outside country, was left to AG. Since August, 1957, general policy in cases where petitions have not been filed has been that Department will not desire to utilize current informants but that if a situation arises in such a case where an informant appears to be essential, AG will resolve problem (this policy stated in AG memorandum 9-6-57). The presentation of two cases (International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMMSW) and United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA) was begun before the SACB but both hearings

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman
RE: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL
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are presently recessed. In the IUMMSW hearing the Bureau lost one current informant and another current informant was scheduled to testify. In the UERMWA hearing no current informants testified up to the recess date but six had been ordered released by the AG to testify at this hearing.

(4) Labor Management Relations Act Cases - The Labor Management Relations Act (LMRA) was passed in 1947. From 1947 to June, 1955, the Bureau followed the general policy of advising the Department that valuable current informants were not available for testimony. This policy was adopted since it was felt that the Bureau could not be sacrificing one or more valuable current informants to effect the conviction of one defendant for filing a false noncommunist affidavit. An exception was made in the Everett Hupman case in 1954, at which two current informants were utilized. Since June, 1955, the decision as to utilization of current informants as witnesses in LMRA cases other than the top four informants and informants operating outside the country, has been left to the AG. In the Edward Chaka conspiracy case under the LMRA which is set for trial January 6, 1958, the Department was advised that a current informant was not willing to be interviewed and we pointed out to the Department that the testimony expected of this informant could be furnished by a witness who was already available. Department did not pursue the matter further. Other than the two current informants who testified in the Hupman case mentioned above, the Bureau has suffered the loss of one additional current informant through testimony in an LMRA case.

(5) Fraud Against the Government and Perjury Cases - Prior to June, 1955, the Bureau followed the policy of advising the Department that current informants were not available to testify in fraud and perjury cases of a security nature. This policy was adopted since the Bureau could not be placed in a position of sacrificing one or more valuable current informants to effect a conviction of one defendant for a violation of this nature. Since June, 1955, the Bureau has not refused to make available for interview any current informants other than the ones excepted by policy. In some cases the Department has advised that prosecution was being declined since the nature of the violation did not justify utilizing a valuable current informant of the Bureau as a witness.

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RE: RELEASING CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMANTS TO TESTIFY IN SECURITY CASES

Possible Criticism of Department:

(1) Smith Act Cases - Any criticism by a congressional committee into the Department's policy in Smith Act prosecutions could probably be concentrated on reasons for dropping the Pittsburgh and Los Angeles conspiracy retrials and for dismissing the indictments in the Boston conspiracy trial and the Emanuel Blum membership trial. Accordingly, a brief statement as to each of these cases follows:

(a) Pittsburgh Retrial - Five defendants originally convicted 8-23-53. Retrial ordered by Supreme Court 10-10-56. During preparation for retrial, Bureau made seven current informants available for interview as potential witnesses at request of Department. Decision as to use of any or all of these informants as witnesses was left to AG. Department dropped case 9-13-57 advising District Court that two of the original witnesses were deceased and that the necessary evidence was not available through other witnesses. It should be noted that the evidence would have had to be restricted to the original statutory period from August, 1949, to August, 1952.

(b) Los Angeles Retrial - Fourteen defendants originally convicted 8-5-52. Supreme Court acquitted five and ordered new trials for remaining nine on 6-17-57. During preparation for retrial, Director conferred with AG 10-18-57 concerning the use as a witness of current informant [redacted]. Director stated that it was extremely important that we not uncover this valuable informant, but final decision not to utilize her was made by AG in a memorandum to AAG Tompkins dated 10-18-57. Department dropped case 12-2-57. In Department's first draft of a statement to the court the following comment was included: "Consideration was given to the possible release of confidential informants of the FBI to testify. However, in view of the adverse effect on the national security which might ensue from such action, it has been decided that the release of confidential informants is not feasible." The above-quoted statement was omitted, at the Bureau's request, in the final draft of the Department's statement to the court since it constituted an open admission that the Bureau had informants operating in the Los Angeles area and would undoubtedly result in immediate investigation by the Communist Party (CP) to determine the identities of these informants. It was felt that while such a statement could be made in confidence to a congressional committee, if necessary, it should not be made in open court.

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(c) Boston Trial - Seven defendants indicted 5-29-56, one defendant died 4-9-57. In preparation for trial Bureau made three current informants available for interview, two of whom AG ordered released to testify. Department attorneys in Boston requested permission from Boston Office to interview three additional current informants. In accordance with existing policy attorneys were advised to have ISD submit this request to Bureau in writing. No written request was received from ISD. If request had been received interviews would have been arranged and decision as to utilization as witnesses would have been left to AG. Government requested dismissal of indictment 11-8-57 stating to the court that the case could not be successfully prosecuted with evidence presently available in light of the evidentiary standards laid down by the Supreme Court in the Los Angeles Smith Act decision.

(d) Emanuel Blum Membership Trial - Emanuel Blum was indicted 3-23-56 for violation of the membership provision of the Smith Act. During preparation for trial Department requested that interviews be arranged with seven current informants. Request was denied as to two (CG 5824-S and [redacted] in accordance with established policy. Three of the current informants were made available for interview and the remaining two were not made available pending results of the interviews with the three who were made available. By letter to AG 11-18-57 Director suggested that Department attorneys make every effort to present a satisfactory case against Blum without utilizing any current valuable Bureau informants, since there was no guarantee that a conviction, if obtained in the District Court, would be upheld by the Supreme Court. On 11-27-57 the Government requested the dismissal of the indictment against Blum. The motion gave as the reason for the Government's action "The insufficiency of the evidence currently available in light of the legal standards laid down by the U. S. Supreme Court."

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The Bureau's position appears sound should the Department attempt to justify its action by claiming Smith Act prosecutions have been dropped because the Bureau would not furnish its informants to testify. With the exception of the four top informants and informants operating outside the country, we have left the decision as to the use of a current informant as a witness up to the AG. We have, however, always stressed the importance of our informant coverage and have insisted that the Department weigh the value of prosecution against the possible results of our loss of informant coverage.

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(2) Communist Front Organization Cases - Since the ISA was passed in 1950, 21 petitions have been filed against communist front organizations. Thirteen hearings before the SACB have been completed and eight remaining cases were dropped since the organizations had gone out of existence. In May, 1955, a Senate subcommittee criticized the Department for failure to present more communist front cases to the SACB. In June, 1955, the AG advised the President and Congress that he anticipated 25 to 30 cases would be presented during the 1956 fiscal year. Two petitions were actually filed during this period. Five petitions were filed during the fiscal year 1957, the last being on 10-1-56. No petitions have been filed to date in the 1958 fiscal year. Any criticism of the Department's policy in communist front cases would undoubtedly be aimed at the failure of ISD to live up to the AG's June, 1955, statement to the President and Congress.

The Bureau's position in communist front organization cases also appears sound. During the period from 1950 to June, 1955, although we did, as a matter of general policy, advise the Department that current informants were not available, exceptions were made to this policy. Beginning in June, 1955, the very time when the AG advised the President and Congress that 25 to 30 cases would be presented during fiscal year 1956, we began leaving to the AG the decision as to the use of current informants as witnesses in these cases. From August, 1957, to the present, although we have again been advising the Department that current informants are not available to testify in cases where petitions have not been filed, the ultimate decision is up to the AG as indicated in his memorandum of 9-6-57.

(3) Communist Infiltration of Labor Union Cases - These cases are presented to the SACB under the provisions of the Communist Control Act which was enacted in August, 1954, and petitions have been filed against two unions, IUMMSW on 7-28-55 and UERMWA on 12-20-55. Hearings began in both of these cases but, at the present time, both have been indefinitely recessed. Any criticism of the Department's policy in union cases would undoubtedly be aimed at the failure of ISD to file more than two petitions since the enactment of the CCA 54.

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During the short period from August, 1954, to June, 1955, we received inquiries from the Department concerning the availability of current informants to testify in proceedings against three additional unions, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU), the International Fur and Leather Workers Union (IFLWU) and the American Communications Association (ACA), and in each of these cases we advised the Department that the current informants in whom they expressed an interest were not available for interview or testimony. Beginning in June, 1955, however, we began leaving to the AG the final decision as to the utilization as witnesses in union cases all current informants other than the top four informants and informants operating outside the country. From August, 1957, to the present, although we have again been advising the Department that current informants are not available to testify in cases where petitions have not been filed, the ultimate decision is nevertheless up to the AG as indicated in his memorandum of 9-6-57.

(4) Labor Management Relations Act Cases - Since the Bureau initiated investigations under this act which was passed in 1947, nine cases have gone to trial; two cases were decided by pleas of guilty before trial, and nine cases are presently awaiting trial, three as the result of reversals of convictions by higher courts. Any criticism leveled at the Department's policy in LMRA cases could probably be aimed at determining why only 17 defendants have been indicted for filing false noncommunist affidavits under this act.

From 1947 to June, 1955, the Bureau followed the general policy of advising the Department that current informants were not available for testimony in these cases since the result could be the sacrificing of one or more valuable current informants to effect the conviction of only one defendant. One exception was made in 1954 in a case at which two current informants were utilized as witnesses. Since June, 1955, the decision as to utilization of current informants as witnesses in LMRA cases, other than the top four informants and informants operating outside the country, has been left to the AG.

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(5) Fraud Against the Government and Perjury Cases - For approximately the last ten years the Bureau has been referring to the Department possible violations of a security nature of the fraud against the Government and perjury statutes. Any possible criticism of the Department in cases of this nature could probably be leveled at the failure of ISD to bring more of these violations to trial.

Prior to June, 1955, requests from the Department as to the availability of current informants to testify in these cases were answered by advising that such informants are not available. This policy was based on the obvious undesirability of sacrificing one or more valuable current informants to effect the conviction of one defendant for a violation of this nature. Since June, 1955, however, we have not refused to make available for interview any current informants other than the ones excepted by policy. In some cases the Department has advised that prosecution is being declined since the nature of the violation did not justify utilizing a valuable current informant as a witness.

OBSERVATIONS:

The foregoing summary has been prepared for the Director's information should a congressional committee initiate an inquiry into the Internal Security Division's policy with reference to security prosecutions and hearings. The details which follow, enlarge on points set out in the summary, particularly with reference to the individual cases which a congressional committee might highlight in any possible inquiry into the prosecutive policy of the Internal Security Division.

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PURPOSE:

This memorandum has been prepared to provide factual data in the event a charge is made by a congressional committee that the Internal Security Division (ISD) of the Department has dropped security prosecutions and has failed to initiate new prosecutions in Federal court against Communist Party (CP) functionaries under the Smith Act, Labor Management Relations Act or fraud statutes, or against communist front organizations and communist infiltrated unions before the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB). The possibility exists that the ISD may then attempt to justify its position on the ground that the FBI would not make informants available as witnesses.

BUREAU'S GENERAL POLICY:

With reference to releasing current confidential informants to testify in security matters, the Bureau has utilized the following general policy:

1. Prior to June, 1955, in all security matters with the exception of Smith Act cases, the Bureau, upon receipt of an inquiry from the Department as to the availability of a current confidential informant, advised the Department that the informant was not available for interview or testimony. In Smith Act cases, because of their importance, each request from the Department was considered on its own merits. There were isolated instances in other security cases wherein the Bureau made current informants available to testify if the Department flatly stated that their testimony was essential.

2. Following the Director's conference with the Attorney General at Quantico, Virginia, in June, 1955, the Attorney General instructed his staff that no security prosecutions be initiated which would involve the disclosure of current FBI informants until such cases were submitted to him for consideration. The Director had stressed the acute nature of the problems involving the disclosure of FBI informants as witnesses. Based on this decision by the Attorney General the Bureau adopted the following policy:

a. When an initial inquiry was made by the Department as to the availability of a current informant, the Bureau replied that the informant was currently active and that if his testimony was essential, the Department should so advise the Bureau.

b. Upon advice that the informant's testimony was considered essential, or that an interview was desired to determine whether his testimony was essential, arrangements were made for interviews with the informant by Department attorneys.

c. At the same time a letter was directed to the Attorney General setting forth the background and current value of the informant together with the effect on our security coverage if the informant was utilized as a witness. This letter pointed out that the decision as to the utilization of the informant was to be made by the Attorney General.

d. The definite policy was also established at this time that the three top Bureau informants (CG 5824-S, [redacted] and NY 694-S) would not be made available for interview or testimony under any circumstances and any inquiry received from the Department as to the availability of these three informants would be so answered. Following the election of current informant [redacted] to the national committee, CPUSA, in February, 1957, that informant was also placed in this category.

The above policy continues in effect today with the exception that since August, 1957, in SACB cases concerning front organizations and labor unions, where petitions have not been filed with the SACB, all requests relative to the availability of current informants are answered with the statement that they are not available for interview or testimony. This change in policy was concurred in by the Attorney General in his memorandum of September 6, 1957, although the Attorney General further stated that if a situation arises in such a case where a current informant appears to be essential the situation will be resolved by the Attorney General.

3. There have been certain isolated instances wherein the Department has inquired as to the availability of a current informant who is operating outside the country. In these few instances the Bureau has always advised the Department that because of the nature of the informant's assignment, he is not available for interview or testimony.

SMITH ACT OF 1940

There have been 14 conspiracy trials and 4 membership trials under the Smith Act of 1940, resulting in a total of 108 original convictions. In connection with these trials, the Bureau lost the services of 41 valuable current informants through testimony. As a result of recent Supreme Court decisions, the original 108 convictions have shrunk to 59. Fifteen of the originally convicted defendants have been acquitted outright and 34 were ordered retried. The Government has dropped the cases against 14 of the 34 ordered retried (5 Pittsburgh and 9 Los Angeles) and has dismissed two indictments before trial (Boston conspiracy indictment and Emanuel Blum membership indictment).

SMITH ACT

Possible Criticism of Department - Any criticism leveled at the Department by congressional committee could be directed to (1) the Department's action in dropping the Pittsburgh and Los Angeles retrials and in dismissing the indictment before trial in the Boston conspiracy case and the Emanuel Blum membership case and (2) the Department's failure to initiate any additional prosecutions since the return of the Boston conspiracy indictment in May, 1956.

With reference to possible criticism of the Department's action in dropping Smith Act cases, the following facts are being set out:

1. Pittsburgh Conspiracy Case:

On August 20, 1953, 5 defendants were convicted at Pittsburgh of conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. On October 10, 1956, the case was remanded for a new trial by the Supreme Court. The decision of the Supreme Court followed a motion filed by the Solicitor General requesting the Supreme Court to return the case to the District Court in Pittsburgh for a rehearing as to the truth of the testimony of Government witness Joseph Mazzei. On September 13, 1957, the United States Attorney, Pittsburgh, requested the District Court to dismiss the indictment, pointing out that two of the witnesses at the first trial were deceased and that the necessary evidence was not available through other witnesses.

In preparing Pittsburgh case for retrial, the Department requested that 7 current informants be made available for interview. The background and value of these informants was sent to the Attorney General for his decision as to whether they should be released to testify. The Department was advised that all 7 of these informants were available for interview and their written reports were made available for review. Department attorneys actually interviewed 3 of the 7 informants. Two of the 3 indicated a desire not to testify and the Department felt that the testimony of the third informant would not be of sufficient value to justify a request for his release. The Department advised that the remaining 4 current informants would not be interviewed since a review of their reports failed to reflect sufficient information to warrant interview. In connection with the Pittsburgh retrial, therefore, no Departmental request to interview a current informant was denied by the Bureau.

2. Los Angeles Conspiracy Case:

On August 5, 1952, 14 Communist Party functionaries were convicted in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. On June 17, 1957, the Supreme Court ordered the acquittal of 5 of these defendants and ordered the remaining 9 to be retried. On December 2, 1957, the Government filed a motion before the U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, to dismiss the indictment against the 9 defendants ordered retried on the basis that the evidence available to the Government did not meet the standards set by the Supreme Court in its recent decisions.

In connection with the preparations for the retrial of the Los Angeles case, the Department requested authority to interview current Los Angeles informant [redacted]. The informant was made available for interview by Department attorneys and the Attorney General was furnished the background and current value of this informant and was advised that the decision as to her release was to be made by the Attorney General. On October 18, 1957, the Director told the Attorney General that it was extremely important that we not uncover this informant in view of her increased value and importance. The Attorney General was advised that this informant is the only source of information in her area of operation, which area includes vital defense establishments and military installations. It was also pointed out to the Attorney General that she was unwilling to testify.

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On October 18, 1957, the Attorney General sent a memorandum to AAG Tompkins advising he had decided not to release this informant to testify because of her value and the fact there was no assurance that the Supreme Court would uphold a conviction if obtained in the lower court. The Attorney General stated he had reached this decision after carefully considering the Government's responsibilities in the intelligence field and balancing them against its responsibilities in the prosecutive field where the Government had a "speculative chance at success."

The only other current informant considered for the Los Angeles retrial was a current San Francisco informant. A request to interview this informant was made by Department

attorneys at San Francisco and, in accordance with existing policy, the attorneys were advised this request should be made by the ISD of the Department to the Bureau in writing. No request was received from the ISD.

3. Boston Conspiracy Case:

On May 29, 1956, 7 Communist Party functionaries were indicted in Boston for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. One defendant died April 9, 1957. On November 8, 1957, the Government requested the District Court at Boston to dismiss the indictment because the evidence available to the Government did not meet the standards set by the Supreme Court in its recent decisions.

In this case 3 current informants were made available for interview at the request of the Department, one of whom had previously been released by the Attorney General for testimony in a Subversive Activities Control Board hearing. Of the remaining two, one was released for testimony in the Boston case by the Attorney General after he had been furnished information concerning the informant's background and value, and the other, upon interview by Department attorneys, indicated a desire not to testify. In preparing for the trial of this case Department attorneys requested authority of the Boston Office to interview 3 additional current informants. In accordance with established policy, the Boston Office was instructed to advise the attorneys to make their requests through the Department in Washington. No such request was subsequently received from the Department for authority to interview these informants. In the Boston case, therefore, no request to interview a current informant, made in writing by the ISD, was denied by the Bureau.

4. Emanuel Blum Membership Case:

On March 23, 1956, Emanuel Blum, Communist Party functionary of Illinois-Indiana, was secretly indicted in Indianapolis under the membership provision of the Smith Act and was arrested March 27, 1956. On November 27, 1957, the United States Attorney moved to dismiss the indictment against Blum, "In view of the insufficiency of the evidence currently available in light of the legal standards laid down by the U. S. Supreme Court."

In preparing the Blum case for trial the Department requested that 7 current informants be made available for interview. We declined to make available one top level informant (CG 5824-S) and one informant who is presently [redacted]

[redacted] Three of the remaining 5 were made available for interview and two top-ranking informants in the Indianapolis Office were not made available for interview pending the results of the interviews with the three informants who were made available.

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One of the 3 informants made available for interview [redacted] had previously been released by the Attorney General to testify in the Blum case and in a SACB hearing against the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. Since this informant had recently acquired a position where she could furnish extremely valuable information concerning an industrial section in Chicago, the Attorney General was advised on November 18, 1957, that while the informant was being made available for interview, the decision as to her use as a witness would be left to the Attorney General. We suggested that every effort be made to present a satisfactory case without using this informant.

As indicated above, the Department might also be criticized for not initiating any new Smith Act prosecutions since May, 1956. In this regard, the decision as to prosecutions under this act is made solely by the Department on the basis of individual prosecutive summary reports furnished by the Bureau. At the present time there are 78 individual cases wherein the Department has been furnished prosecutive summary reports for its consideration as to prosecutive action. The Department has to date taken no action on these cases. Although some of these individuals have declined in importance since the original prosecutive summary reports were prepared, we continue to transmit to the ISD investigative reports reflecting their current activities until such time as the ISD advises that an individual subject should no longer be considered for prosecution under the Smith Act.

Reasons Underlying Department's Prosecutive Policy - It appears, and the Department has so stated in motions to dismiss, that the main reason why the Department has dropped the four cases is that the evidentiary standards laid down by the Supreme Court in the Los Angeles case cannot be met. The Supreme Court decision calls for the Government to produce evidence not only that the defendants conspired to teach and advocate overthrow of the Government by force and violence, but that,

in addition, the defendants advocated action to carry out the conspiracy by language calculated to incite persons to action. These standards were enlarged upon by the majority opinion of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in the New Haven case, which held that the Government must produce evidence of statements by the defendants calling for revolutionary action either immediately or at a specific time in the future. The Government's request that the Second Circuit Court of Appeals review the New Haven decision was denied by that court and on December 5, 1957, the Government petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. The Supreme Court has not as yet acted on this petition. If the Supreme Court denies the Government's petition or grants it and then upholds the decision of the Second Circuit Court, it would appear to be virtually impossible to obtain future conspiracy convictions under the Smith Act since the type of evidence demanded by the Circuit Court is simply not available.

The above assumption appears to be borne out by the fact that in his letter to the Attorney General in the Los Angeles retrial, dated October 11, 1957, AAG Tompkins pointed out that unless current informant [redacted] was released to testify, it would be useless to attempt to retry the Los Angeles case. AAG Tompkins made the additional statement that if this informant was released to testify the Government would have a reasonable expectation of success in the district and circuit courts, but it would be difficult to forecast what the Supreme Court would do if it took a second look at the Los Angeles case. AAG Tompkins further stated that with this informant, the Government would, in his opinion, meet the minimum evidentiary requirements laid down by the Supreme Court. The Attorney General on October 18, 1957, in referring to this case mentioned the Government's "speculative chance at success."

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It is further noted that in the Blum case the Department attorneys recommended to the Department on November 25, 1957, that the indictment be dismissed. The Department on November 26, 1957, telephonically instructed the attorneys to proceed with the preparation of the trial on the assumption that [redacted] would be available as a witness. Following this, the Government dismissed the indictment on November 27, 1957. It is apparent that the reason for this decision by the Department was that the evidence, even with the testimony of this top-level informant, would not be sufficient to satisfy the requirements set by the Supreme Court.

Possibility of Congressional Inquiry - At a conference with the Director on October 18, 1957, concerning the Los Angeles retrial the Attorney General asked if the Director thought there might be a congressional investigation of the Department if he decided not to proceed with the retrial. The Director stated he did not believe there was any probability of such an investigation based on this matter since the Department had already dropped other communist cases and

public criticism seemed to be directed at the Supreme Court rather than at the Department. The Director stated that should the issue be raised as to why the Los Angeles case was not prosecuted, the Attorney General could very properly state that after very careful study and consideration it was found that certain sources of information necessary for successful prosecution could not be utilized in view of other responsibilities which the Department carries for having adequate coverage in the internal security field.

CASES AWAITING TRIAL OR RETRIAL

It is possible that if the Department is criticized for a delay to take action in pending trials or retrials, the Department may attempt to involve the Bureau by claiming the Bureau refused to release current informants to testify. Accordingly, there is set forth below facts concerning each of these cases.

Cases Awaiting Trial:

1. San Juan - Conspiracy Case

An indictment against 11 functionaries of the Communist Party of Puerto Rico was returned 10-27-54. No trial date has been set and the trial judge has unofficially observed that the recent Supreme Court decisions would make the Government's case exceedingly difficult to prove in view of the relatively small group of communists in Puerto Rico.

In this case, the Department advised that the testimony of current informant, [redacted] was essential to a successful prosecution. This informant was made available as a witness. The Department later requested that one or both of two current informants, [redacted] and [redacted] be made available to testify to corroborate the testimony of [redacted]. Both of these current informants were made available for interview by Department attorneys. At that time, the Department was advised the Bureau would release one of these informants as a witness but not both. After the interviews, the Department advised that [redacted] would most probably be used as a witness.

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2. Max Morris Weiss - Membership Case

Weiss was indicted 5-14-54 at Chicago and arrested 9-19-55. No trial date has been set but Department attorneys are presently in Chicago reviewing the case.

In this case, the Department requested authority to interview three current informants. The Bureau denied the request as to two of these informants (CG 5824-S and [redacted] as a matter of established policy since these are two of the Bureau's four top-ranking informants. With reference to the third current informant, [redacted] the Bureau made this informant available for interview by Department attorneys, but after reviewing this informant's reports, the attorneys decided not to conduct the interview at that time. It is probable that should the Department decide to go ahead with the Weiss trial, a request will be received from the Department for authority to interview this informant.

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3. John Cyril Hellman - Membership Case

Hellman was indicted 4-4-56 at Great Falls, Montana, and was arrested on the following day. Although no trial date has been set in this case, Department attorneys were scheduled to arrive in Butte on 12-11-57 to commence preparation of this case. The United States District Judge has advised the United States Attorney that the trial will probably commence approximately 2-1-58. The Judge talked about a possible indictment dismissal in view of some of the Supreme Court decisions in Smith Act cases.

The only request so far received from the Department to interview a current informant involved Butte informant [redacted]. This informant had previously been released by the Department to testify in a Subversive Activities Control Board hearing on the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMMSW). [redacted] testified before the Grand Jury which returned the indictment against Hellman and also was on the witness stand at the time the hearing against the IUMMSW was indefinitely recessed.

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Cases Awaiting Retrial:

1. Claude Mack Lightfoot and Junius Scales - Membership Cases

Claude Mack Lightfoot was indicted on 5-14-54 and arrested on 6-26-54. He was convicted on 1-26-55 and the conviction was upheld by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals on 1-12-56.

Junius Irving Scales was indicted on 11-18-54 and arrested on the same date. He was convicted on 4-21-55 and this conviction was upheld by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals on 11-7-55.

Both the Lightfoot and Scales convictions were appealed to the Supreme Court and on 10-14-57, the Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Courts of Appeals and remanded both cases for retrial. The Department has indicated that the Lightfoot case will be retried, and attorneys are presently in Chicago preparing for the retrial. The United States Attorney has advised our Charlotte Office that Department attorneys will be in Greensboro, North Carolina, on 1-6-58 to begin preparations for the retrial of Scales.

The Department has made no request for active informants in connection with the retrials of Lightfoot or Scales.

2. Philadelphia - Conspiracy Case

On 8-3-53, nine subjects were indicted in Philadelphia for violation of the Smith Act. They were convicted on 8-13-54. On 11-13-57 the Third Circuit Court of Appeals ordered that four of the defendants be acquitted. It further ordered that the Government should be allowed to retry the remaining five defendants "if it is satisfied that the requirements of the Supreme Court can be met."

The Department has not indicated whether it intends to retry the five convicted subjects. No request has been received from the Department concerning the availability of confidential informants to testify.

3. Denver - Conspiracy Case

On 8-9-54 an indictment was returned against seven Denver Smith Act subjects. They were convicted on 5-25-55 and the conviction was appealed to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. On 8-23-57 the Circuit Court reversed the appellants' convictions and ordered a new trial as to each appellant. In its opinion, the Court held that the evidence presented by the Government was sufficient to justify the conviction but the case had to be remanded for a new trial because of the "organizing" count in the indictment which had been barred by the Statute of Limitations.

The Department has not indicated whether it intends to retry the Denver subjects and no request has been received concerning the availability of confidential informants.

Cases In Which Department Expressed Interest But Did Not Pursue:

On several occasions during the period from 1953 to 1956, the ISD indicated an interest in Smith Act conspiracy prosecutions in such areas as Chicago, San Francisco, Portland, Richmond, Newark and Buffalo. Requests concerning the availability of current informants to testify at such trials were handled in accordance with existing Bureau policy. The only informants the Bureau refused to make available were the top level informants (CG 5824-S, NY 694-S and [redacted] and any informant operating outside the country. It is undoubtedly true that had the Bureau released [redacted] the Department would have proceeded in Newark and had the Bureau released CG 5824-S, there would have been a conspiracy prosecution in Chicago.

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SACB CASES

Background:

Communist front organizations are proceeded against before the SACB pursuant to the provisions of the ISA of 1950 which became effective September 23, 1950. On April 20, 1953, the SACB handed down its finding that the CPUSA is a communist-action organization. The Department was then able to commence proceedings against front organizations. Since April 22, 1953, the Department has filed petitions against 21 front organizations, the last petitions having been filed on October 1, 1956. Of the 200 witnesses utilized by the Government, in the 13 front cases presented to the SACB to date, the Bureau provided four current informants and 114 discontinued informants.

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Prior Criticism of Department:

In May, 1955, a hearing was held by the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the ISA and other internal security laws. The report of this subcommittee criticized the Department for not presenting communist front organization cases with sufficient celerity. On June 1, 1955, the Attorney General reported to the President and to Congress that it was anticipated that 25 to 30 front cases would be presented to the SACB during the fiscal year of 1956. The Attorney General noted that there were approximately 90 to 100 front organizations active at that time, many of which were not suitable for presentation and others which could not be presented "without unduly impairing our current intelligence coverage of the national communist conspiracy."

During the 1956 fiscal year, the Department filed a petition with the SACB against two communist front organizations. During the 1957 fiscal year petitions were filed against five front organizations and thus far in the 1958 fiscal year no petitions have been filed in the SACB cases.

Possible Future Criticism:

With regard to any congressional inquiry relative to the failure of the Department to file additional petitions, the following is set forth:

The decision as to whether a petition is filed against a front organization is one to be made by the Department. The reports reflecting the formation and activities of front organizations are furnished to the Department by the Bureau for its consideration as to the filing of a petition. Approximately 350 such cases have been referred to the Department. Many of these cases are on front organizations operating on a strictly local basis and those of a temporary nature which remain in existence for only a short time. In a number of cases the Department has stated that a review of their files reflected insufficient evidence to warrant filing a petition and that information furnished in the future would be reviewed to determine whether a petition could be filed at a future date. In these cases the field has been instructed to intensify its investigation and the results of the investigation have been furnished to the Department.

The fact that no petitions were filed by the Department against front organizations from October 1, 1956, to August 28, 1957, cannot be attributed to the refusal of the Bureau to provide current informants as witnesses. During this period when requests were received from the Department as to the availability of current informants, the Bureau furnished to the Attorney General information concerning the background and value of the informant and left to the Attorney General the decision as to whether the informant should be used as a witness. The only refusals concerned Confidential Informants CG 5824-S, [redacted] and NY 694-S. In August, 1957, the line of attack against front organizations was re-evaluated. Because of the rulings of the Supreme Court in Smith Act and other security-type cases and since the Government's case against the CPUSA, on which all action against front organizations is based, had not been finally adjudicated, it was felt that we could not be sure the continued presentation of front cases to the SACB was an effective line of attack against the CP. Therefore, a memorandum was directed to the Attorney General on August 28, 1957, advising that it was strongly felt we should not continue to use active informants in any future SACB hearings inasmuch as these informants would be needlessly sacrificed in the event the Supreme Court failed to

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uphold the SACB ruling against the CPUSA and declared the ISA of 1950 unconstitutional. By memorandum dated September 6, 1957, the Attorney General noted his agreement with this change in policy, although the Attorney General further stated that if a situation arises in such a case where a current informant appears to be essential, the situation will be resolved by the Attorney General.

Since August 28, 1957, the Department has inquired as to the availability of current informants in ten front cases. These inquiries have been answered by advising that in view of the Bureau's memorandum of August 28, 1957, and the Attorney General's reply of September 6, 1957, these current informants are not available for interview or testimony. While the Department has not advised us that it has failed to file a petition in any front cases solely because the Bureau refused to make current informants available, it has included this among other reasons for failure to file petitions. As an example, in the case against the Bronx Civil Liberties Committee the Department did state that although the testimony of a current informant [redacted] might be sufficient to permit the filing of a petition, in view of the size of the organization, the scope of its activities and the contents of the Bureau's memorandum to the Attorney General on August 28, 1957, a request for the release of the informant was not being made.

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It is noted that any criticism of the Department relative to front cases would, in all probability, be limited to its failure to file new petitions since there are no pending cases before the SACB. It is further noted that the Department has dropped eight front cases in which petitions had previously been filed. In these cases, although current informants were involved, the principal reason for the action taken by the Department was the fact that all eight of the organizations were out of existence at the time the cases were dropped.

SACB CASES (Labor Unions)

These cases are presented to the SACB under the provisions of either the Communist Control Act of 1954 or the ISA of 1950. Petitions have been filed with the SACB in only two cases under the Communist Control Act of 1954 and in no cases under the ISA of 1950.

Cases Where Petitions Have Been Filed:

a) International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers - Petition filed July 28, 1955. Hearing began February 25, 1957, and continued intermittently until July 30, 1957, when it was indefinitely postponed. In December, 1955, the Department advised that four current informants were considered essential. We told the Department that one informant (CG 5824-S) was not available for interview and further advised that the decision as to the use of the other three informants

was to be made by the Attorney General. In January, 1956, the Attorney General released two of these three informants [redacted] for use as witnesses. Background information concerning two additional current informants was furnished to the Attorney General but the Department has indicated that they will not be used as witnesses [redacted]

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b) United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers - Petition filed December 20, 1955. Hearing began May 13, 1957, and has been in recess since July 12, 1957. In this case the Department was also advised that one informant (CG 5824-S) was not available for interview. One current informant [redacted] was made available to the Department as a witness. Information regarding the background and value of 13 current informants was furnished to the Attorney General for a decision as to their use as witnesses. The Attorney General decided that six of these informants should be used as witnesses in this case. These are [redacted]

In the above two cases the only current informant who was unavailable for interview or testimony was CG 5824-S who is one of the top four informants of the Bureau who furnishes information on a national and international level.

Investigations Where No Petitions Have Been Filed:

During the investigation of the communist infiltration of several additional unions, the Department has requested information concerning the availability of numerous potential witnesses including current informants. The union cases in which the Department has transmitted inquiries are:

- a) International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union
- b) International Fur and Leather Workers Union
- c) American Communications Association
- d) Teachers Union of New York City
- e) Teachers Union of Philadelphia
- f) United Public Workers

As to requests involving current informants received between August, 1954, and June, 1955, the Department was advised that current informants were not available for interview or testimony. As to requests received between June, 1955, and August, 1957, the decision has been left to the Attorney General. Since August, 1957, policy in cases where petitions have not been filed has been that Department will

not normally desire to utilize current informants but that if a situation arises in such a case where a current informant appears to be essential, the Attorney General will resolve problem.

LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT CASES:

Since 1947, when the Bureau initiated investigations under this act regarding the filing of false noncommunist affidavits, 9 cases have gone to trial resulting in the loss to the Bureau through testimony of 3 current informants. In 2 additional cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. At present, there are 9 cases awaiting trial, 3 as a result of reversals of convictions by the higher courts.

From 1947 to June 5, 1955, the Bureau followed the general policy of advising the Department that current informants were not available as witnesses in Labor Management Relations Act (LMRA) cases since the result could be the sacrificing of one or more valuable current informants to effect the conviction of only one defendant. An exception was made in 1954 in the Everett Hupman case where 2 current informants were utilized. Since June, 1955, however, the Department has been advised in each case of the number of current informants included in their communications listing potential witnesses. If the Department pursued the initial inquiry and requested that a current informant be made available for interview, this was done and the decision as to the use of the informant as a witness was left to the Attorney General after he had been furnished complete details concerning the informant's background and value.

All pending cases and all cases closed since January 1, 1956, (approximately 310 cases) have been examined.

In 18 cases we advised the Department of the unavailability for interview or testimony of current informants CG 5824-S, [redacted] and NY-694-S. In one case (Edward Joseph Chaka, et al., which is set for trial January 6, 1958) we declined to arrange an interview with current informant [redacted]. We advised the Department that the informant was reluctant to be interviewed and we pointed out that the testimony expected of him could be furnished by a witness already available. The Department did not pursue the matter further.

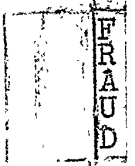
Any allegation that the Department did not initiate prosecutions under the LMRA because the Bureau failed to make current informants available as witnesses might have a basis, in

fact, prior to June, 1955, although we did make an exception in one case. Since that time, however, we have only declined to make available the Bureau's top informants listed above and the Cincinnati informant in the Chaka case who was reluctant to testify and whose testimony could be duplicated by a witness who was already available.

SECURITY-RELATED FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND PERJURY CASES:

In connection with cases in this category, requests concerning the availability of current informants received prior to June, 1955, were answered by stating that they were unavailable for interview or testimony, since the result could be the sacrificing of one or more valuable current informants to effect the conviction of only one defendant. Since June, 1955, we have not refused to make available for interview or testimony any current informants with the exception of the top 4 Bureau informants.

The Department has advised in isolated cases that prosecution was being declined since the cases did not warrant exposure of a valuable, current informant.



DIRECTOR, FBI (62-34781)

9/23/57

SAC, NEW YORK [redacted]

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

Departmental Committee on Security Witnesses
Remylet to Bureau dated 10/12/55, under the

above caption.

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 2/27/56, copies of which went to New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, captioned "Communist Party Witnesses - US Attorney."

ReBulet to Los Angeles, dated 3/14/56, captioned "Ex-Communists as Witnesses," copies of which were sent to New York and San Francisco.

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Remylet to Bureau, dated 3/21/56, captioned "Ex-Communists as Witnesses," copies of which were sent to Los Angeles and New Haven.

On September 10, 1957, WILLIAM J. BROWN, Investigator for Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, telephonically advised SA JOHN J. HAYES that the above-captioned individual called INS, at 11:00 AM on September 10, 1957, and, after trying to contact one of the higher officials at INS, was referred to BROWN. BROWN said that [redacted] appeared to be drinking but was coherent. [redacted] told BROWN that he had been a witness for INS in the HARRY BRIDGES deportation case, and also in the FOUGEROUSE (Ph) case. BROWN said that [redacted] appeared to be a little antagonistic, stating that he had a grudge against INS because INS failed to notify him about a news item appearing in a Portland, Oregon newspaper which said that another witness in the

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *amb*

DATE: February 11, 1958

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *fbj*

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The committee met on January 31, 1958, and copy of the minutes furnished to the Bureau have been reviewed.

The meeting was called to reconsider the advisability of using [redacted] as a witness based on FBI memorandum dated December 5, 1957, containing information bearing upon [redacted] reliability. The committee decided to withdraw its clearance of [redacted] and instructed that he be given a restricted clearance and used only in those cases where his testimony is essential and is corroborated by independent sources whether admissible or not.

Bureau files reflect [redacted] is a former Bureau informant.

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[redacted] Bureau memorandum December 5, 1957, advised the department of derogatory background information regarding [redacted]

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RE: DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
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A copy of the above-described minutes has been
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/6/58

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (100-7795)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY ATTACKS
AGAINST GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

EX - COMMUNISTS AS
WITNESSES

Re SAC letter 57-7 (K).

[redacted] and [redacted] are expected witnesses in case entitled Communist Infiltration of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers; [redacted] ET AL, Internal Security - C, Internal Security Act of 1950, Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 (Conspiracy), Bureau file 100-108,199.

[redacted] and [redacted] are prospective witnesses in case entitled U. S. vs BARY; ET AL (Denver Smith Act Conspiracy Case) Bureau file 100-3-74-13.

Most of the above individuals have already testified or are already on record as prospective witnesses in the respective cases; therefore, it appears that none of their testimony can be supplanted.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

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DATE: October 30, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE
HEARINGS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
OCTOBER 28, 29, 30, 1957

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EX-Communists AS WITNESSES

As set forth in memorandum from Mr. Sizoo to me dated 10/28/57 (attached), the SAC of the Memphis Office feels that, as a result of hearings being held by the above committee, we may well lose the services of four informants in Memphis inasmuch as he states all persons who had been active in Communist Party (CP) matters in Memphis area in the past several years had been subpoenaed to testify except the four informants. He feels that this will immediately cast suspicion on them. Further, he feels that their identities might be revealed by witnesses appearing before the committee and that it is quite possible if the informants are named they may communicate with the committee and request to testify and thereafter identify themselves as Bureau informants in an effort to protect their standing in the community as they are not publicly known as communists. The Director asked how this could have been avoided so we may take appropriate steps for the future.

This possibility exists in any area in which hearings are held by a congressional committee. However, the existing problem in Memphis is magnified because of the limited CP activity existing there and the wide scope of the subpoenas issued and such a problem could conceivably arise in any area of limited CP activity when the committee issued subpoenas to the majority of individuals identified as being active in the communist movement in the area. In addition, it is likely that an informant will be unable to be identified as a communist and still protect his standing in the community. Generally, however, hearings are held in areas in which much more extensive communist activity is taking place and all individuals involved in such activity are not subpoenaed, thus minimizing the possibility of our having informants exposed during the course of such hearings and our informants in such areas can more likely withstand being identified.

OBSERVATIONS:

In efforts to minimize the possibility in the future of the Bureau's losing informants as a direct result of committee hearings, the securing of a list of potential witnesses sufficiently in advance

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Re: SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS

to enable the Bureau to make a thorough analysis of the situation and to take appropriate measures to protect its informant coverage would be of definite value. Because of varying circumstances, the action to be taken by the Bureau would have to be on an individual basis. For example, should we find in any given area that the committee proposed to subpoena all individuals affiliated with the communist movement in recent years except our informants, the possibility exists that we could through liaison impress upon the committee the advisability of not publicizing the identities of all individuals subpoenaed, the possibility of having some of the hearings conducted in executive session, and if deemed warranted arrange for selected informants to be heard in executive session.

It is the Bureau's practice to apprise informants as to the various courses of action that can be taken by them in the event they are subpoenaed to testify; namely, they may plead the Fifth Amendment or comply with any specific instructions issued to them by the CP or they may cooperate fully with the committee. Informants are further advised that their choice is a matter that must be resolved solely by them, that if they elect to testify they must be truthful and accurate in their testimony, and that any disclosure of their informant status will necessarily terminate their services as Bureau informants. If an informant is publicly identified by a witness before a committee as a member of the CP, we cannot, of course, insist that the informant not reveal his informant status when he himself is convinced that not to do so would jeopardize his livelihood and standing in the community.

ACTION:

in future situations
We will attempt to make arrangements whereby a sufficient number of persons other than our informants are not subpoenaed in order to reduce the chances of suspicion being cast at our informants by the mere fact that they are not subpoenaed. We will also attempt to perfect arrangements whereby we will be provided with a list of individuals to be subpoenaed before any hearing as far in advance of the proposed hearing as possible so that we can analyze the situation and take whatever action appears to be necessary in each instance in order to protect the Bureau's interests and security informants.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont
FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo

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HEARINGS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
OCTOBER 28, 29, 30, 1957

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

SAC J. M. Lopez called from Memphis this afternoon and made reference to the above-captioned hearings. He said that all persons who had been active in Communist Party matters in the Memphis area in the last several years have been subpoenaed to testify in these hearings. A list of those subpoenaed has appeared in the local press. The only persons not included who had communist activity are the Bureau's four informants. They are a white man and his wife and a Negro man and a Negro woman who are not connected in any way. Lopez said that the fact that these informants were not subpoenaed will immediately cast the finger of suspicion on them as informants and we may well lose all four informants. He was asked whether any of these four informants could be subpoenaed and he said that if any of them were subpoenaed all would immediately identify themselves as FBI informants as they are not publicly known as communists and do not want to be so identified. He also thinks it is very likely that they will be named by one or more witnesses at the hearings and if they are not named they may at least be described with sufficient accuracy so they could be identified. In this connection he mentioned that a [redacted] who is one of those subpoenaed, has called the office and said that he intends to cooperate with the committee and furnish all the information in his possession. The office does not believe he knows any of the four informants by name, however. Furthermore, [redacted] also subpoenaed has also indicated that he will be cooperative and Lopez believes [redacted] knows all four informants by name. **J(x)(u)**

Lopez had no specific suggestions for steps which could be taken to protect the informants. He thinks it quite possible that if the informants are named they may communicate with the committee and request to testify and identify themselves as FBI informants. He was advised that if the informants have not already been so informed that they should be advised that if they expose themselves the Bureau will, of course, have to discontinue their operation as informants; that this is a decision which the informant himself must make but if he testifies he must testify truthfully. It was agreed that at this time Memphis should watch the testimony closely to see what steps can be taken to protect the informants and submit to the Bureau any recommendations that Memphis has for action. In this connection SAC Lopez pointed out that he considers it highly desirable to have an Agent attend the public hearings. He said it was necessary **(x)(u)**

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen

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RE: Senate Internal Security Subcommittee
Hearings, Memphis, Tennessee, 10/28, 29, 30/57

that they obtain as soon as possible accurate information as to statements made by witnesses which might jeopardize the informants; that if they waited until the testimony was summarized in the local press valuable time would be lost and the information might well be garbled. He said he was sure that an Agent could sit in on the hearings without identifying himself and without any embarrassment to the Bureau; that the committee has sought a courtroom that could seat at least 150 people and that a sizable audience is anticipated. He said a mature Agent would be selected; that this Agent would not inject himself in any way in the proceedings but would be there only for the purpose of determining what statements are made which affect the security of our informants and he felt that if these informants were to be saved at all we should have an Agent present at the hearings. In view of his strong recommendation and with the hope that we may be able to save one or more of these informants, I told him to designate an experienced Agent to attend; to instruct him not to become involved in the proceedings and not to engage in any other activity which might draw attention to the Bureau or embarrass the Bureau in any way. (S)(U)

ACTION:

Lopez was advised to follow this matter very closely and keep the Bureau advised of developments.

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OK. Just how could this have been avoided so we may take appropriate steps for the future.
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[redacted] (Ph) case called him [redacted] a liar and a "syphletic." [redacted] also felt that INS should have paid another witness named [redacted], who corroborated [redacted] testimony in an INS case, more money. Mr. BROWN felt that [redacted] probably referred to the standard witness fee which was probably paid to [redacted]. [redacted] was not known to BROWN.

During the course of this telephone call between [redacted] and Investigator BROWN, [redacted] mentioned that he anticipated that he might be called within the next two months on an "FBI" case. Mr. BROWN said that he believed [redacted] said that this case was on "the West Coast," and it is possible that he could have said "Portland," though BROWN is not sure of this.

Mr. BROWN said on 9/11/57, that [redacted] stated that he was living at [redacted] and at 11:00 AM was calling from telephone number [redacted].

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Mr. BROWN telephonically contacted [redacted] again at 3:00 PM on 9/11/57, at which time [redacted] appeared to be a little more under the influence of alcohol. At this time [redacted] said that he had a [redacted].

A check of the NY indices failed to reflect that [redacted] was being considered for use as a witness in any Bureau case in NY.

It is noted that in LA letter dated 2/27/56, [redacted] was listed as a possible witness in the "JOSEPH RING" case which was a possible revocation proceeding.

This information is being called to the attention of the Bureau and auxiliary offices in the event the Bureau or these offices might know of some case in which it is anticipated that [redacted] will be used as a witness. [redacted] background is known to the Bureau and auxiliary offices from prior correspondence.

No action is contemplated by the NYO in this matter.

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